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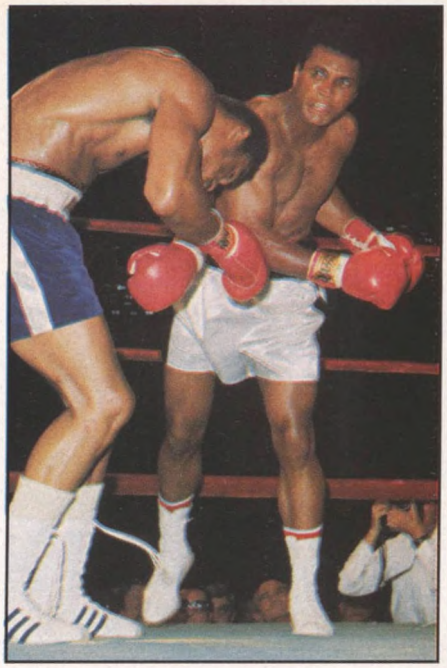

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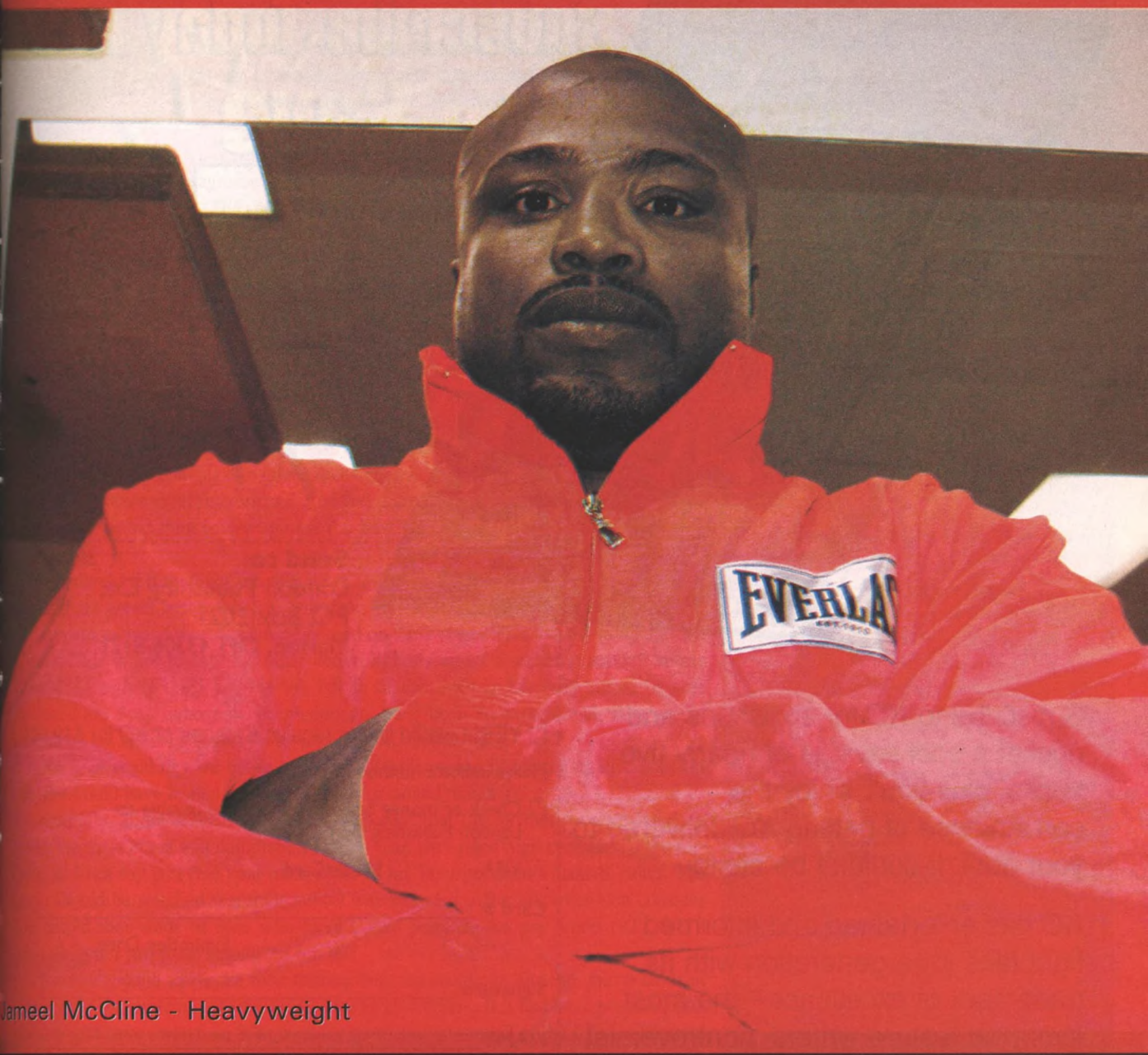

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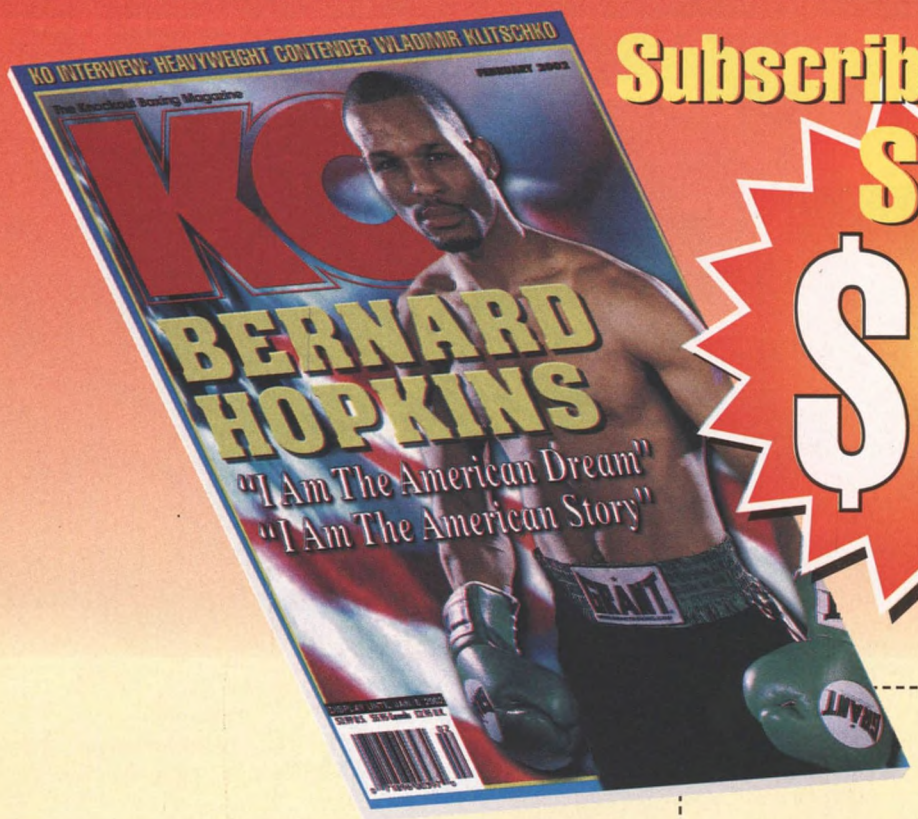

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What better way to commemorate THE RING's 80th birthday than by honoring the greatest fighters and fights of the last 80 years? Consequently, we've dedicated this issue of THE RING ANNUAL to the magnificent fighting men who have given us so many thrills in the eight decades since Nat Fleischer founded the magazine in 1922.

The task of culling the list down to 80 fighters and 17 fights (one per division) was a daunting undertaking, especially when there were so many thousands of each to choose from. Lists ranking fighters of varying weights and eras are always exercises in subjectivity, and this one is no different. After poring over piles of pertinent material (record books, articles, newspaper clips, previous lists, statistics, etc.) and engaging in numerous discussions, the final selection was made by the editors with a valuable assist from former associate editor Robert Cassidy, who also did a large chunk of the research and writing.

"Much has changed in boxing since the inception of THE RING," noted Cassidy, "but the one thing that has remained constant over the last 80 years is that great fighters seek out other great fighters to define their careers. All the fighters on this list have fought and tested themselves against the best fighters of their era. No one took a shortcut."

I've always felt that it's difficult, if not unfair, to determine a boxer's place among the all-time greats before his career is over. Therefore, although a handful of active fighters are included, most of those honored on these pages have already hung up their gloves. This is not to say that other active fighters won't have done enough before they're through to crack the top 80, but as of this writing, the only active fighters included are those whose accomplishments have been so exceptional, they would remain on the list even if they were never to win another bout.

The final standings are based on accomplishments and historical significance, not on who would have beaten whom in pound-for-pound matchups.

Naturally, some readers will be disappointed that this or that favorite failed to make the cut. Others will complain that their man isn't rated high enough. To the former, all I can say is, I feel your pain; some of my favorites didn't make it either. The latter should be satisfied that their guy(s) was included. After all, when you consider the untold thousands of men who have traded punches for pay since 1922, it's a gigantic honor just to be among the top 80.

But don't spend too much time fretting over the standings. Instead, join with us in celebrating the amazing achievements documented herein. If it had been possible, THE RING would have thrown an 80th birthday party and invited all of the fighters honored in this issue. But as such a bash would strain not only the budget, but also the bounds of mortality, we'll gladly settle for a party of a different sort, one that you can enjoy again and again, whenever you pick up this magazine and relive the breathtaking adventures of the men who made both boxing and THE RING such a significant part of our cultural fabric.

It is to these brave men, and our loyal readers, that this issue is dedicated.

Nigel Collins
Editor-in-Chief

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PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 175-19-6 (109) with 2 no-contests

YEARS FOUGHT: 1940-1965

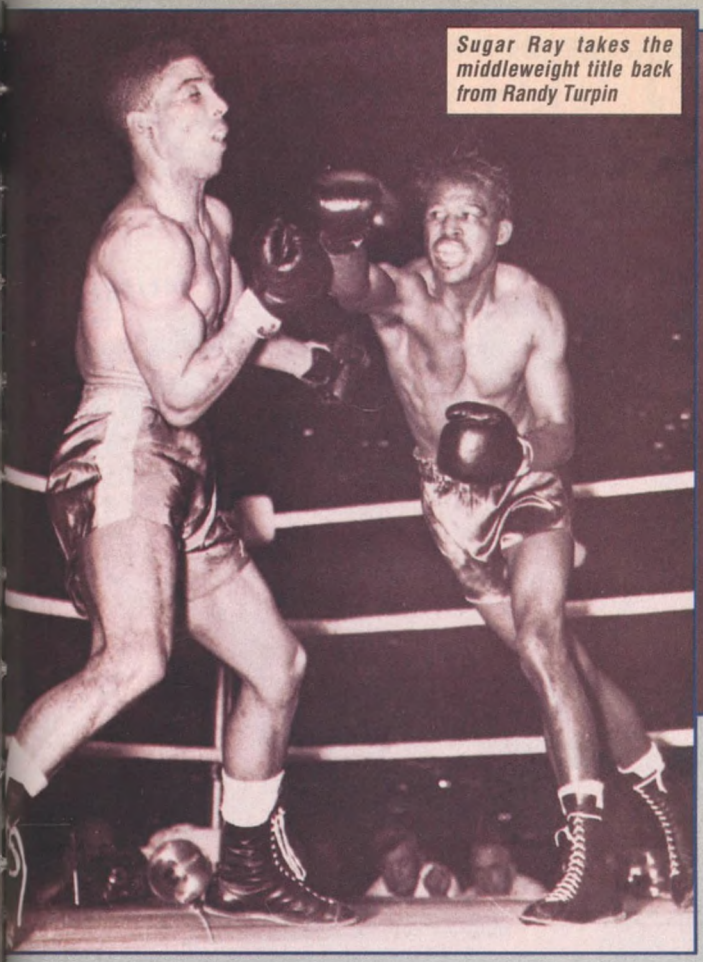
TITLES HELD: World Welterweight, World Middleweight (5 times)

DEFINING FIGHT: KO 13 Jake LaMotta, February 14, 1951

Wins middleweight crown by taming "The Raging Bull"

OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 15 Tommy Bell, W 15 Kid Gavilan, KO 10 Randy Turpin, KO 5 Gene Fullmer, W 15 Carmen Basilio

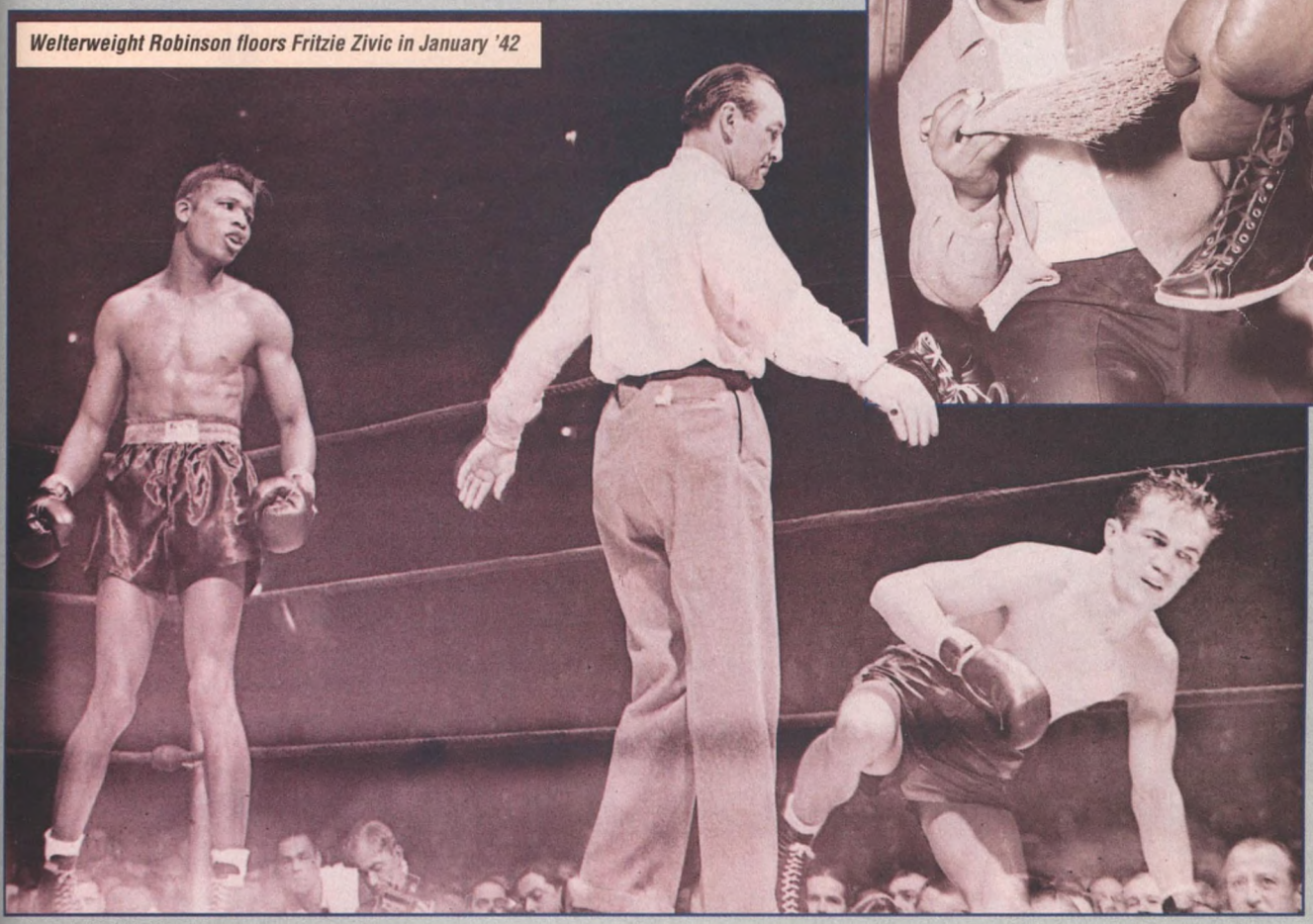
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Not only the greatest fighter of THE RING's 80 years, but among the most prolific fighters in history ... Could box and punch and had a tremendous chin ... Set the standard by which all fighters are judged ... Inspired the term "greatest fighter in the world, pound-for-pound."



Sugar Ray takes the middleweight title back from Randy Turpin

Aging Robinson cracks Gene Fullmer with a right

Robinson dusts off his gloves and shoes at the end of a two-year "retirement"



Welterweight Robinson floors Fritzie Zivic in January '42

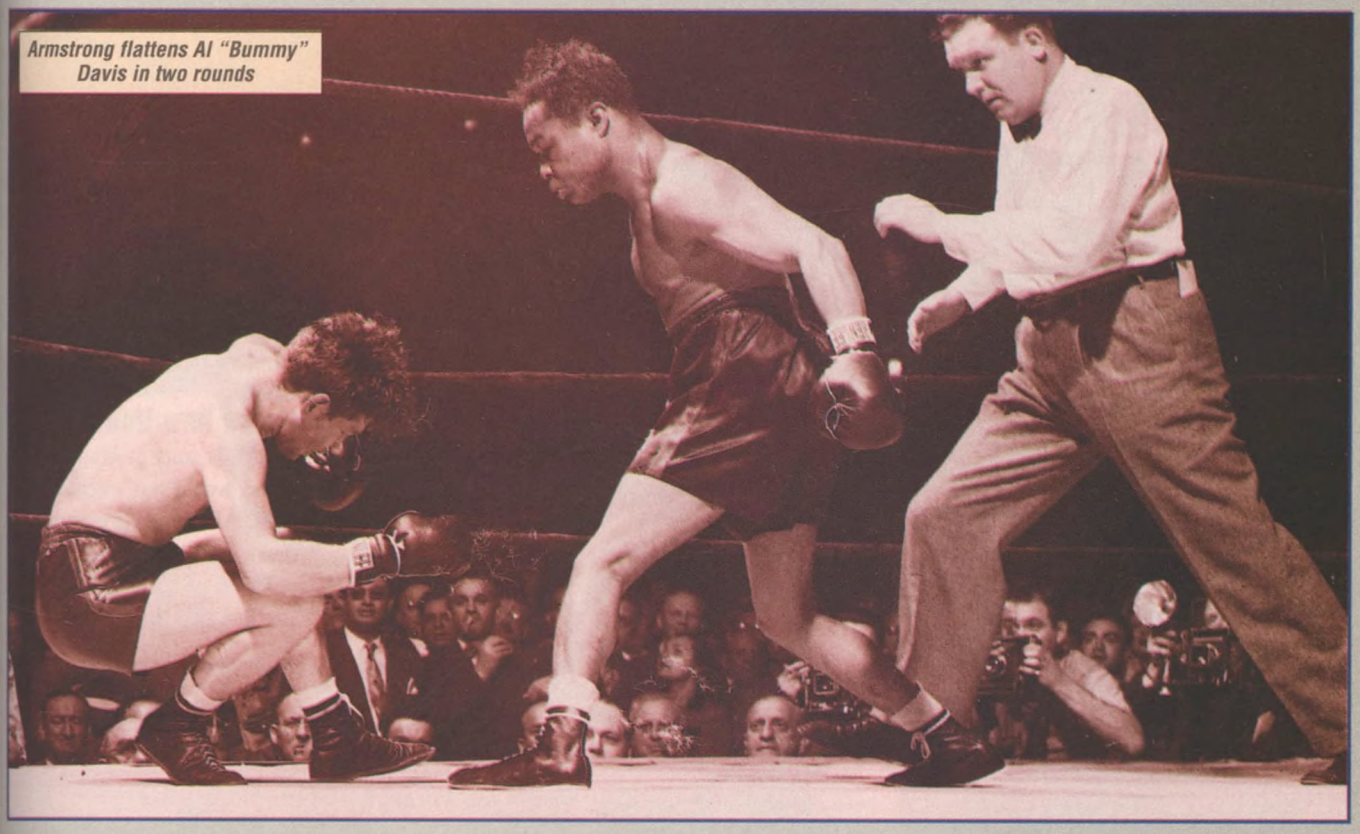
2 HENRY ARMSTRONG

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 150-21-9 (100)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1931-1945
TITLES HELD: World Featherweight, World Lightweight, World Welterweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Barney Ross, May 31, 1938
Wins welterweight crown while reigning featherweight champ
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Midget Wolgast, W 10 Baby Arizmendi, KO 6 Petey Sarron, W 15 Lou Ambers, D 10 Ceferino Garcia
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Only man in history to hold three world titles at the same time … Relentless and tireless puncher who overwhelmed opponents with his perpetual-motion attack … Once won 27 straight bouts by knockout.

Armstrong attacks Baby Arizmendi in August '36

Armstrong passed the physical and took the welterweight title from Barney Ross

"Homicide Hank" reaches for his historic third crown



Armstrong flattens Al "Bummy" Davis in two rounds

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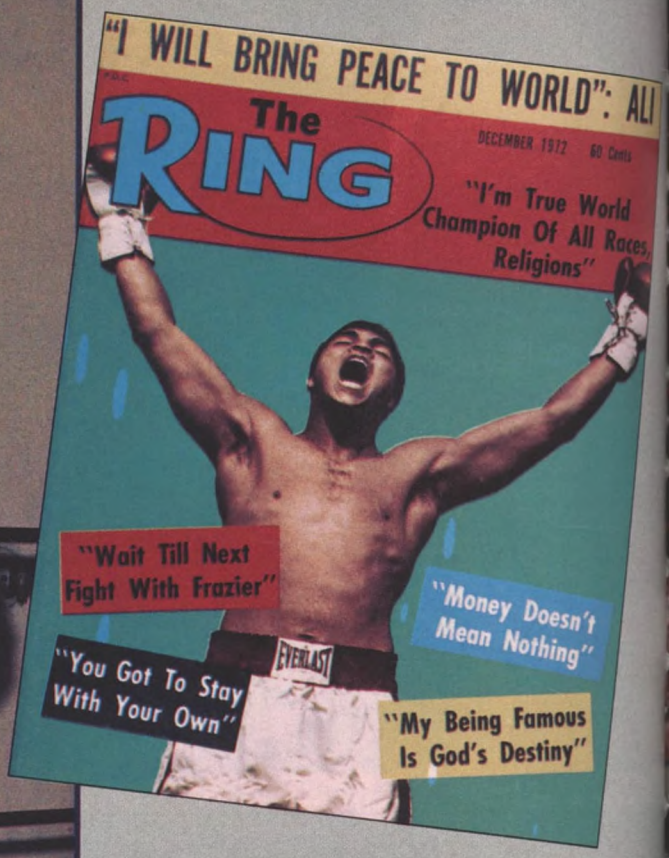
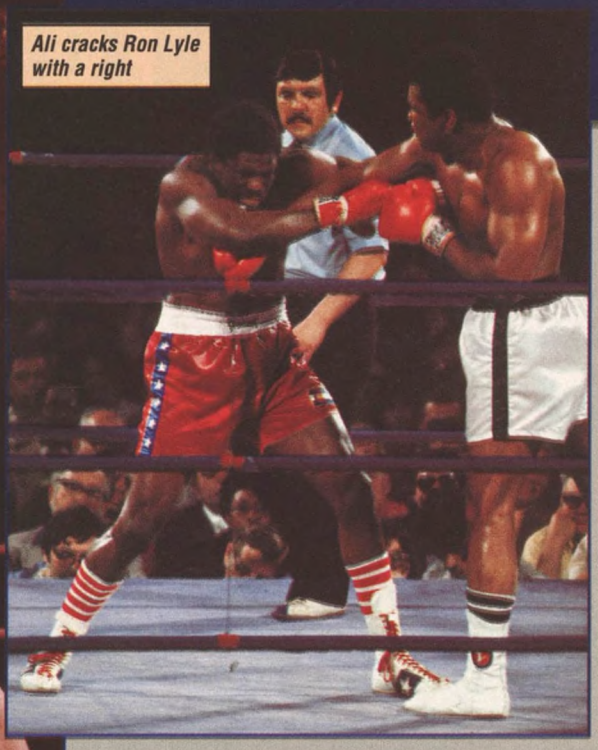
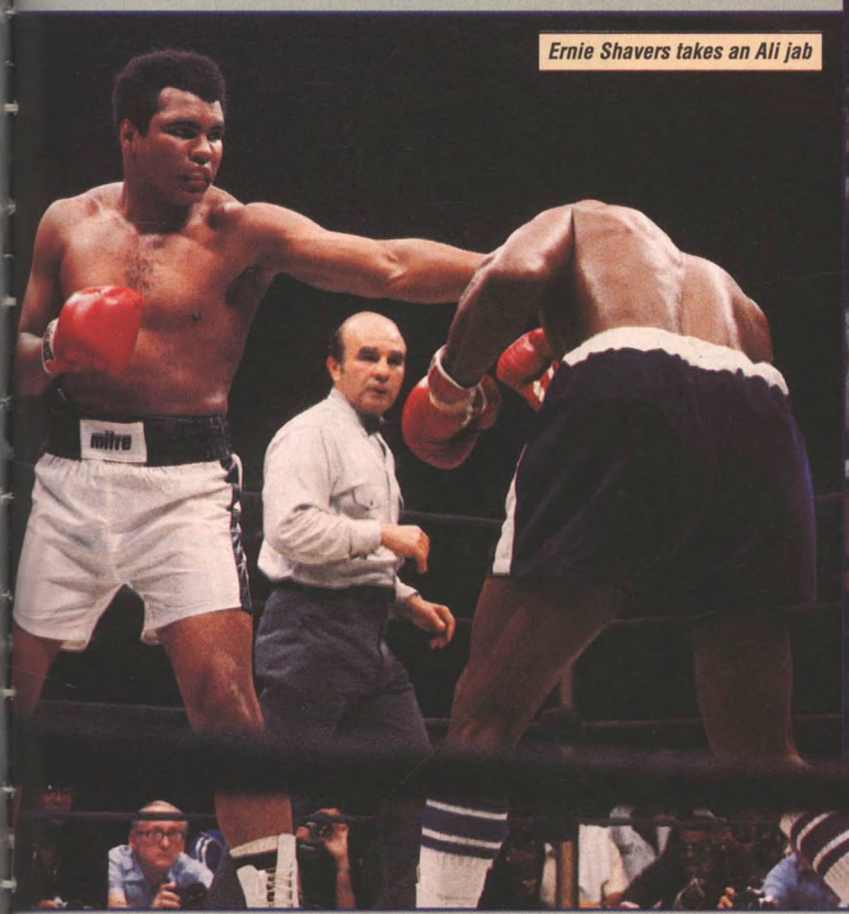


PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 56-5 (37)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1960-1981
TITLE HELD: World Heavyweight (three times)
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 8 George Foreman, October 30, 1974
Rope-a-dope helps Ali to regain crown at age 32
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 7 Sonny Liston, KO 12 Floyd Patterson, L 15 Joe Frazier, KO 14 Joe Frazier, W 15 Leon Spinks
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: A symbol of the turbulent 1960s and perhaps the most charismatic athlete the world has ever seen … Love him or hate, when Ali fought the world watched … Fighting style revolutionized the sport … Heavyweight with the speed of a middleweight … First to win the heavyweight title three times.

Ali upsets Sonny Liston to claim his first title



Ali cracks Ron Lyle with a right



Ernie Shavers takes an Ali jab

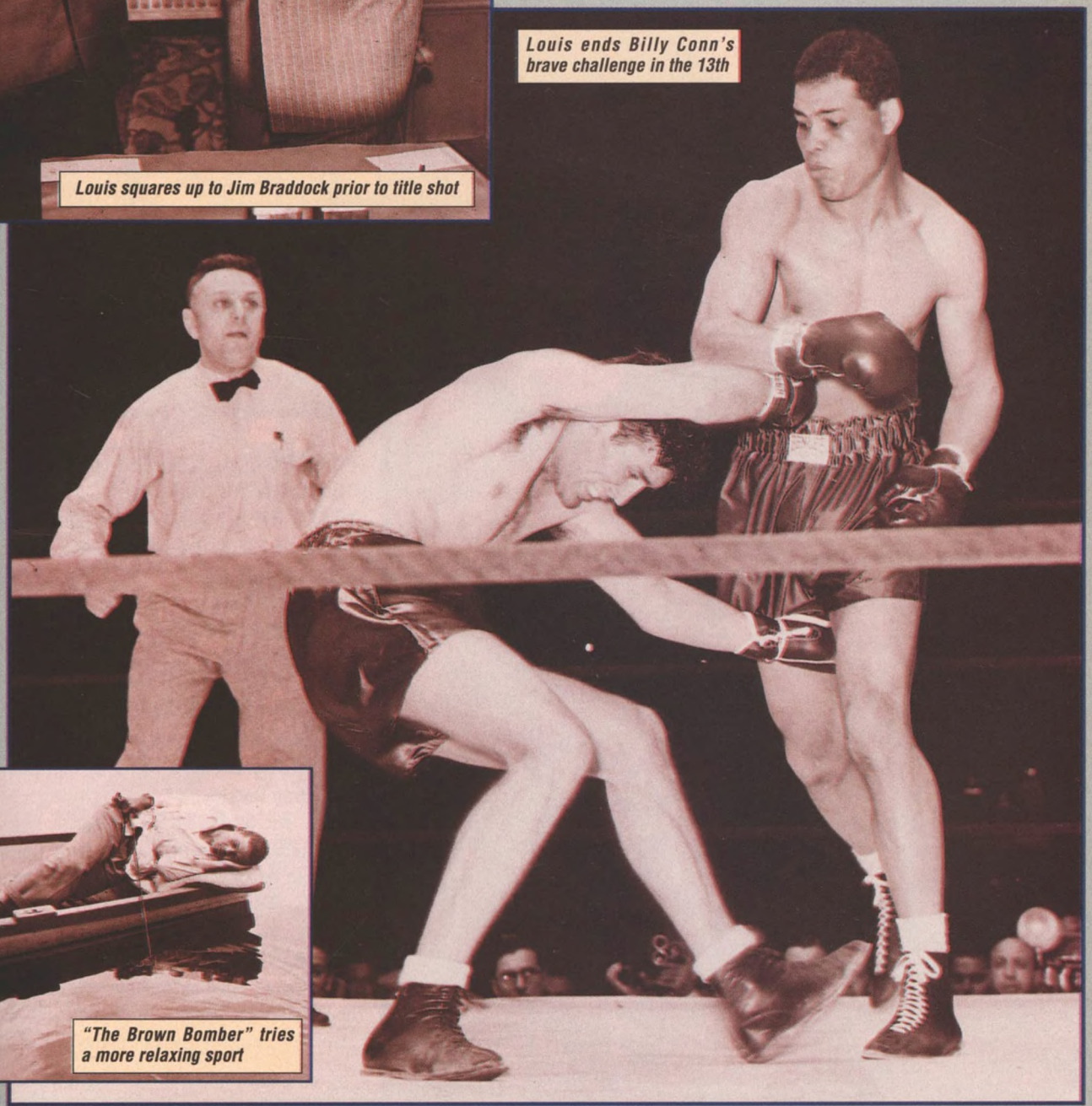
"The Louisville Lip" runs his mouth

4 JOE LOUIS

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 68-3 (54)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1934-1951
TITLE HELD: World Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 1 Max Schmeling, June 22, 1938
Avenges previous loss in electrifying fashion
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 4 Max Baer, KO 8 James J. Braddock, KO 13 Billy Conn, KO 11 Jersey Joe Walcott, KO by 8 Rocky Marciano
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Perhaps the greatest puncher in heavyweight history … Set and still holds record for successful title defenses (25) … Became hero to both black and white Americans due to quiet dignity and long-term success … Wrote Jimmy Cannon: "He's a credit to his race, the human race."

Louis squares up to Jim Braddock prior to title shot

Max Schmeling gets crushed in the historic rematch



Louis ends Billy Conn's brave challenge in the 13th

"The Brown Bomber" tries a more relaxing sport

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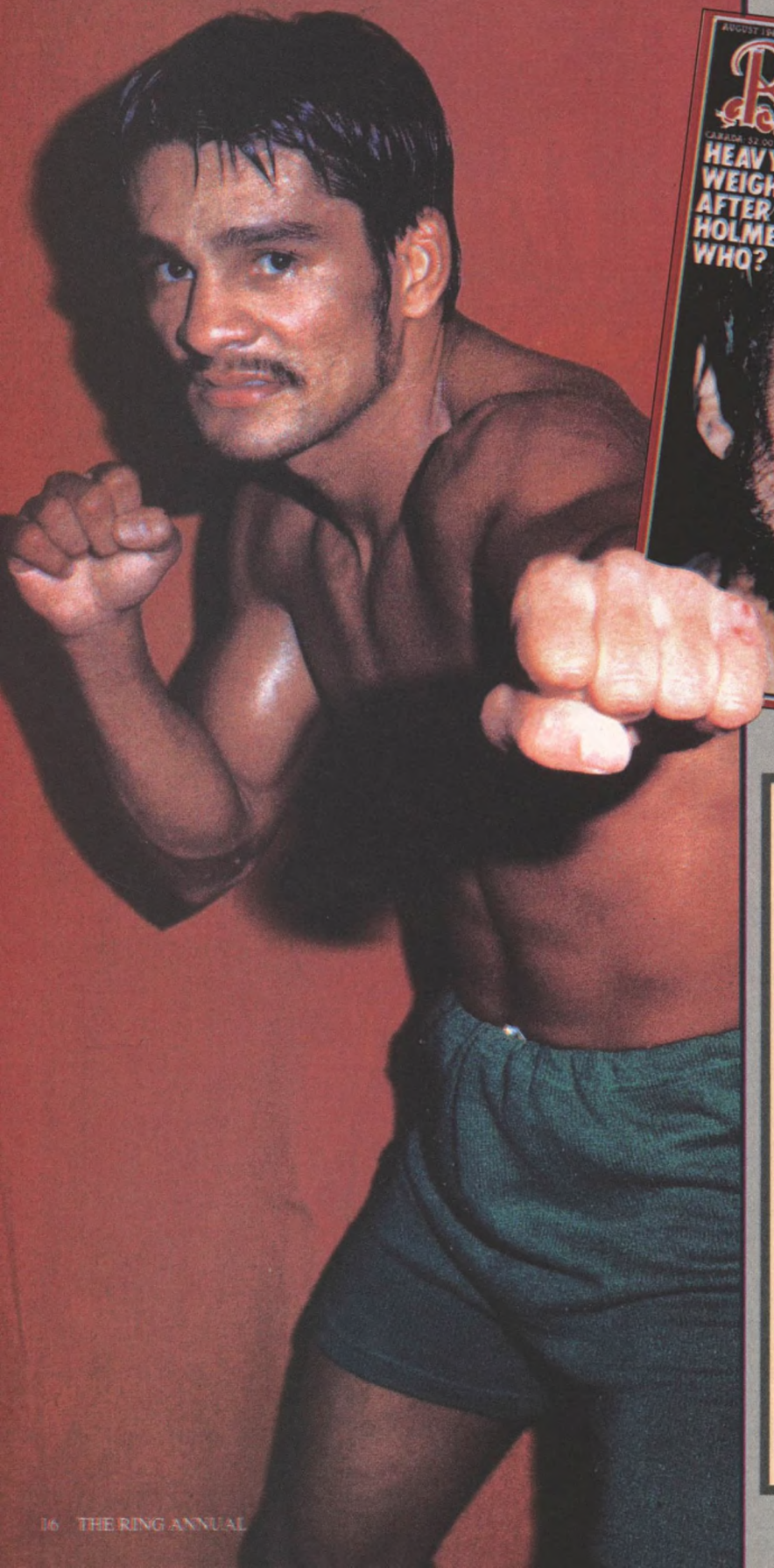
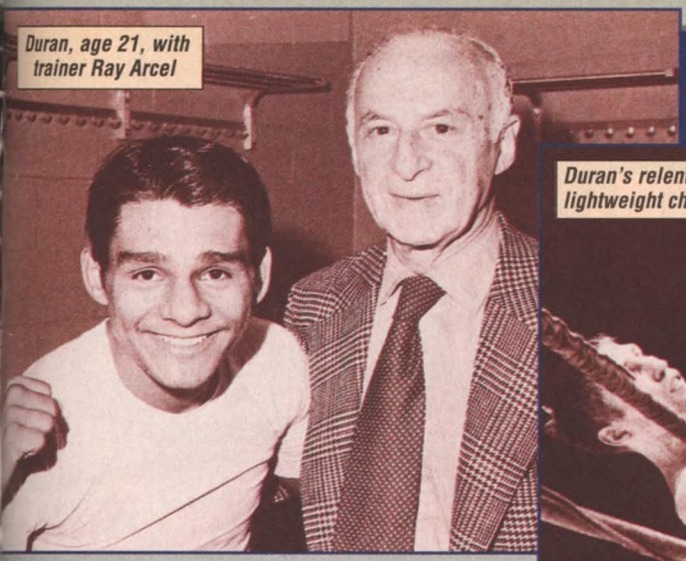
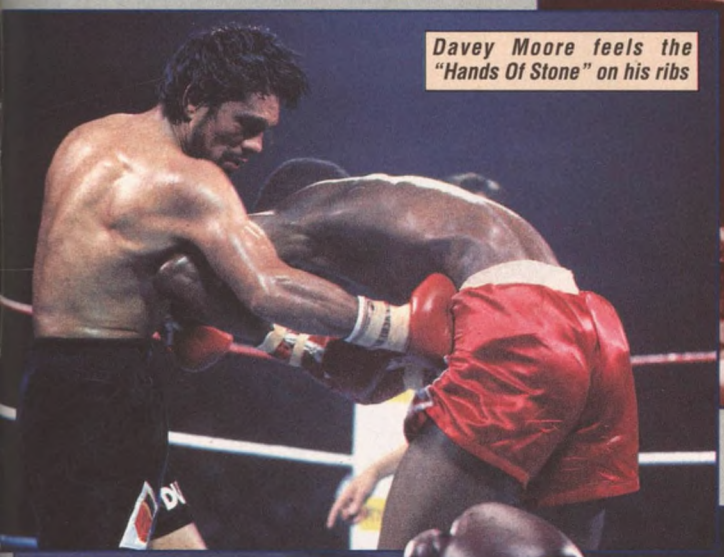


PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 104-16 (69)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1967-2001
TITLES HELD: World Lightweight, WBC Welterweight, WBA Junior Middleweight, WBC Middleweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Sugar Ray Leonard, June 20, 1980
Climbs in weight to outslug boxing's Golden Boy
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 13 Ken Buchanan, KO 11 Esteban DeJesus, KO by 8 Sugar Ray Leonard, KO 8 Davey Moore, W 12 Iran Barkley
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Panamanian was first Latino boxer to become a major star in the United States ... Fought with a competitive fire that few have matched ... Tenacity and macho personality captivated audiences ... Devastating puncher at lightweight, where he ruled for six years ... Called on high skill level to succeed at higher weights.



Duran, age 21, with trainer Ray Arcel

Duran's relentless attack overwhelms lightweight champ Ken Buchanan



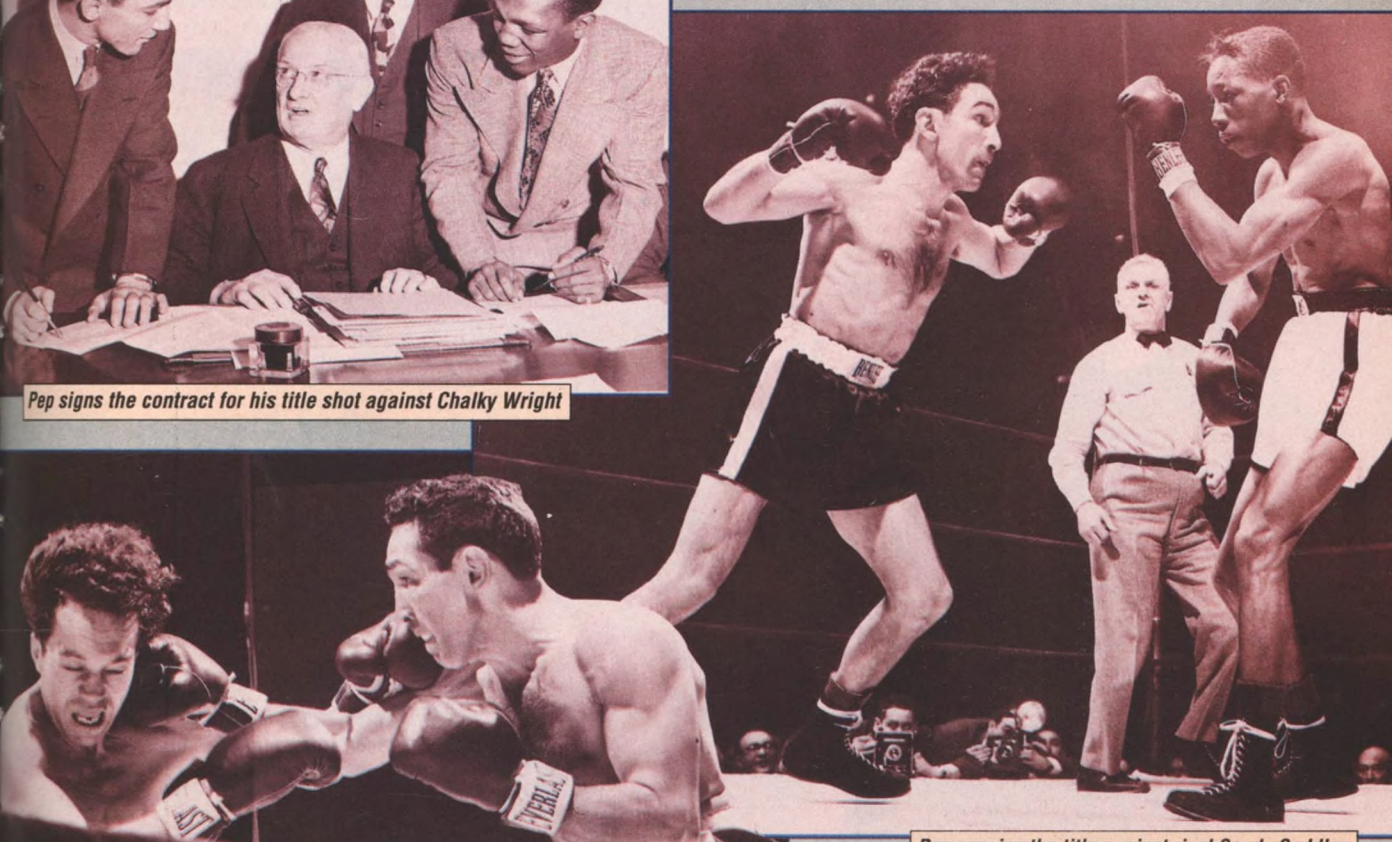
Davey Moore feels the "Hands Of Stone" on his ribs

Prime Duran defending his crown against Edwin Viruet

6 WILLIE PEP

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 229-11-1 (65)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1940-1966
TITLE HELD: World Featherweight (twice)
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Sandy Saddler, February 11, 1949
Bloodied but unbowed, rises to occasion and regains title
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 15 Chalky Wright, W 15 Sal Bartolo, W 10 Manuel Ortiz, W 15 Phil Terranova, KO by 9 Sandy Saddler
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: One of the greatest pure boxers in history ... Won first 62 pro bouts in a row ... Nicknamed "Will-o-the-Wisp" for his elusiveness ... Defensive genius so great, once won a round without throwing a punch.

Pep signs the contract for his title shot against Chalky Wright



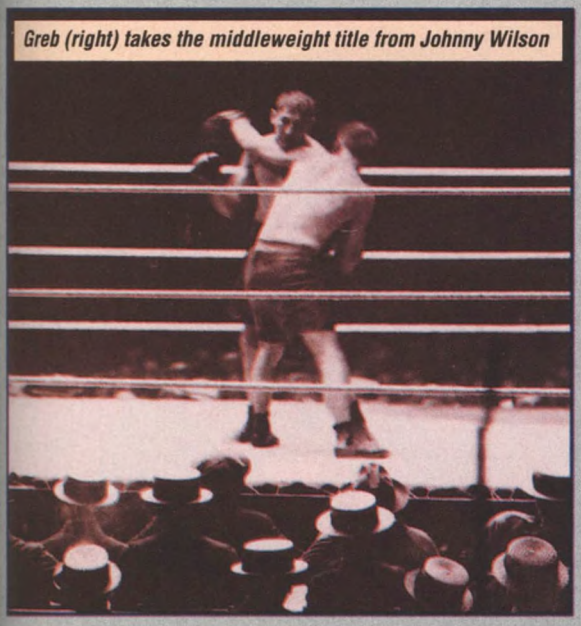
Pep regains the title against rival Sandy Saddler

Pat Marcune takes a hard right to the ear

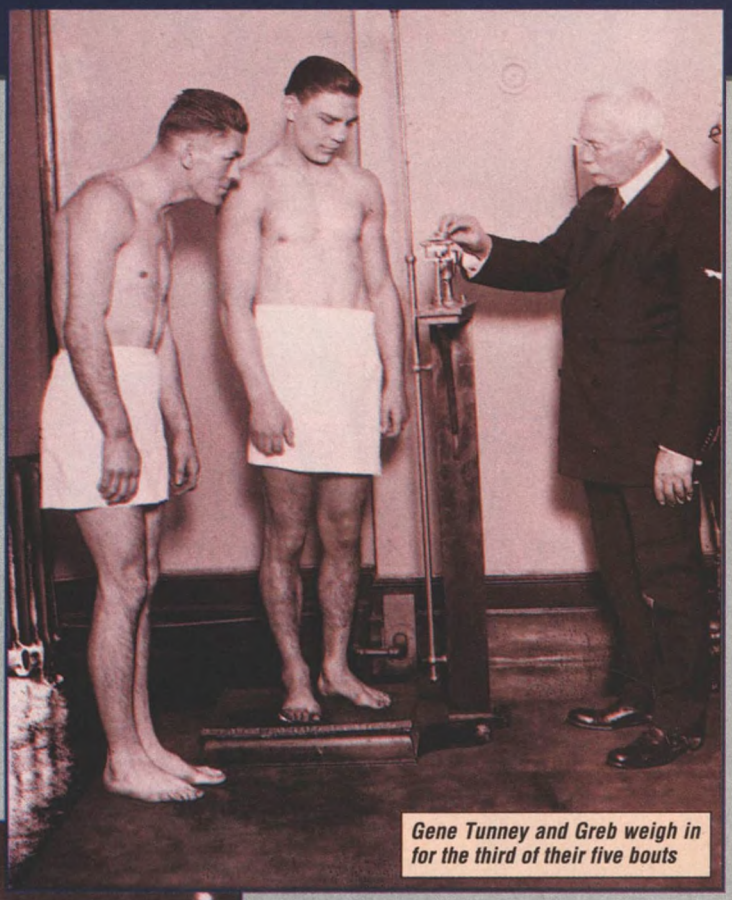
Pep shows a little pop, dropping Marcune en route to a kayo win

7 HARRY GREB

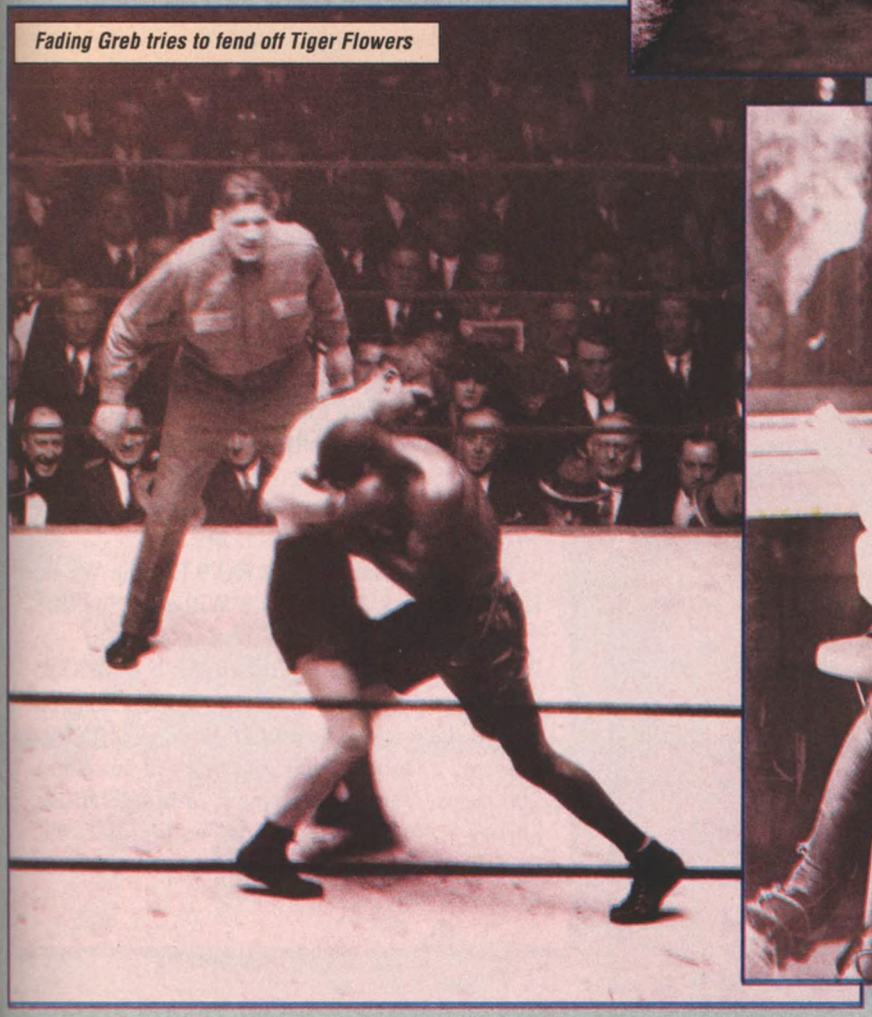
PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 115-8-3 (51) with 183 no-decisions
YEARS FOUGHT: 1913-1926
TITLE HELD: World Middleweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Gene Tunney, May 23, 1922
Tunney's only pro loss
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 1 Gunboat Smith, W 15 Tommy Loughran, W 15 Johnny Wilson, W 15 Mickey Walker, L 15 Tiger Flowers
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Nicknamed "The Human Windmill" for his non-stop punching … Although middleweight champ, also fought and beat some of the best welterweights, light heavyweights, and heavies of his era without benefit of a true knockout punch … Only stopped twice in 309 pro bouts.



Greb (right) takes the middleweight title from Johnny Wilson



Gene Tunney and Greb weigh in for the third of their five bouts



Fading Greb tries to fend off Tiger Flowers

Greb reads to his daughter Dorothy

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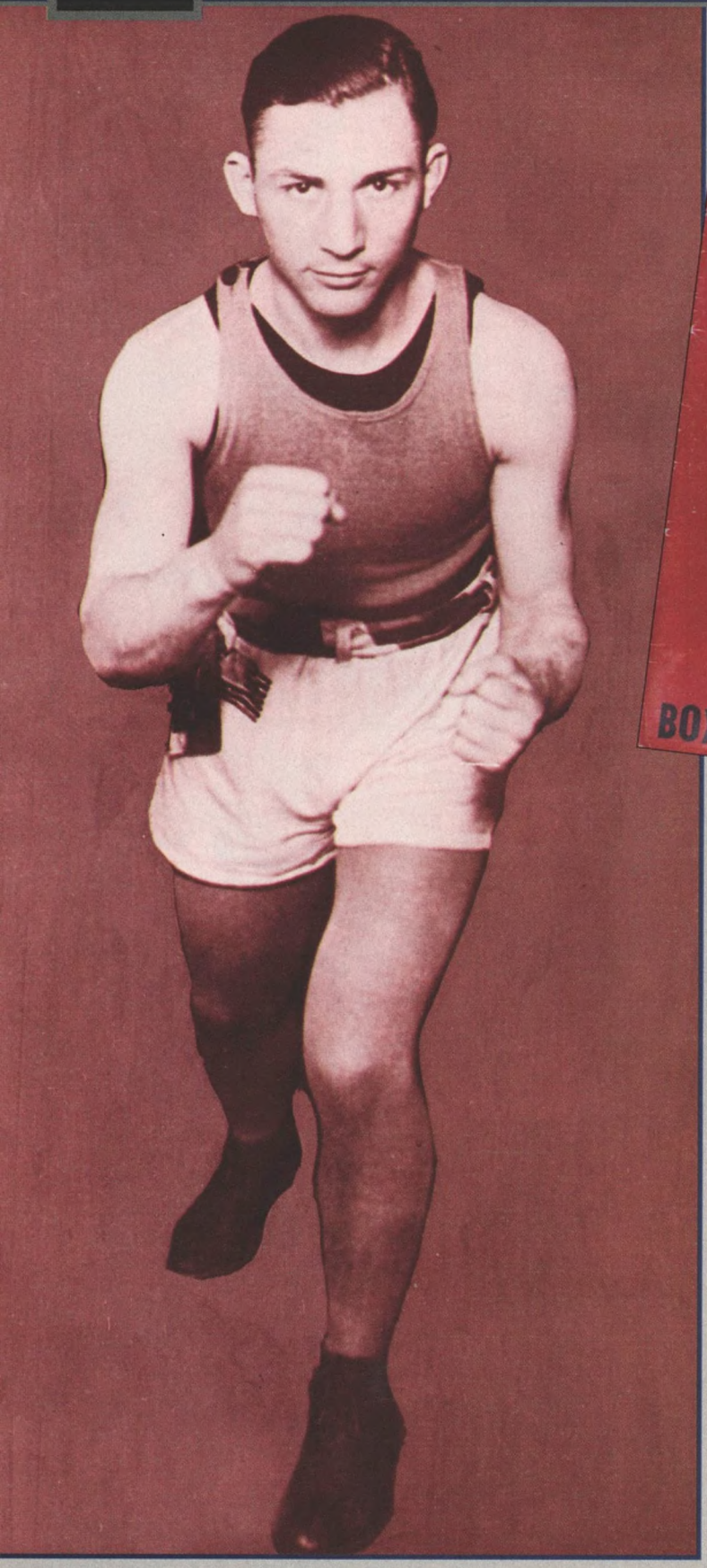
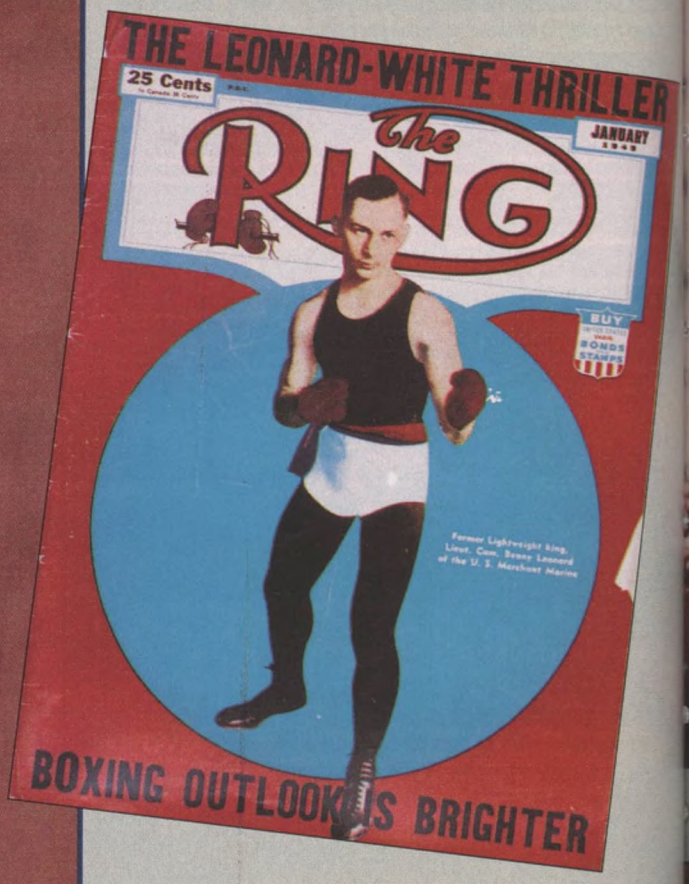
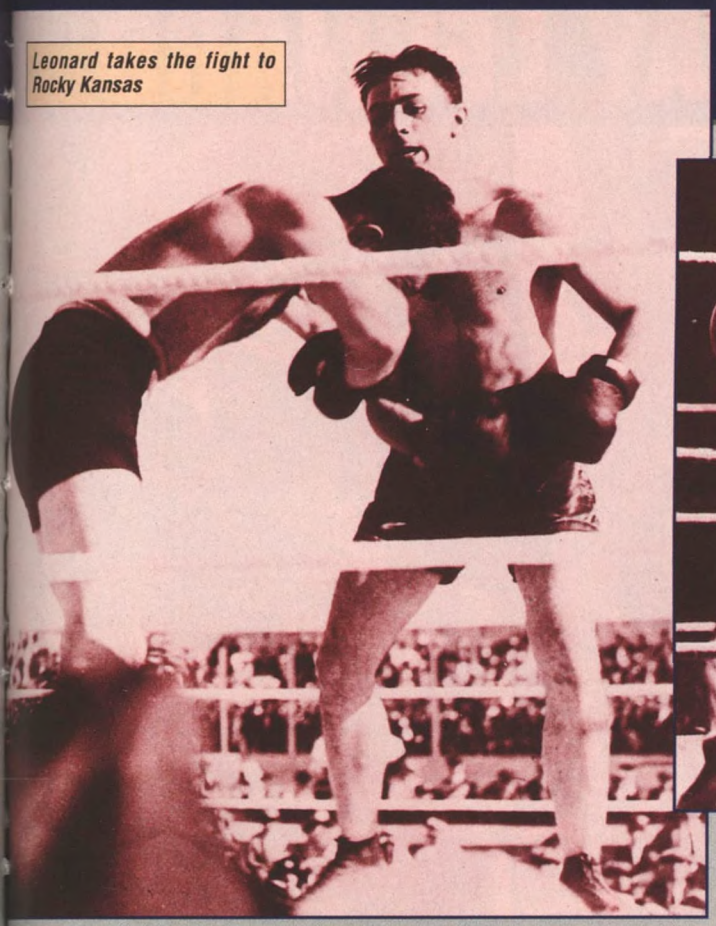
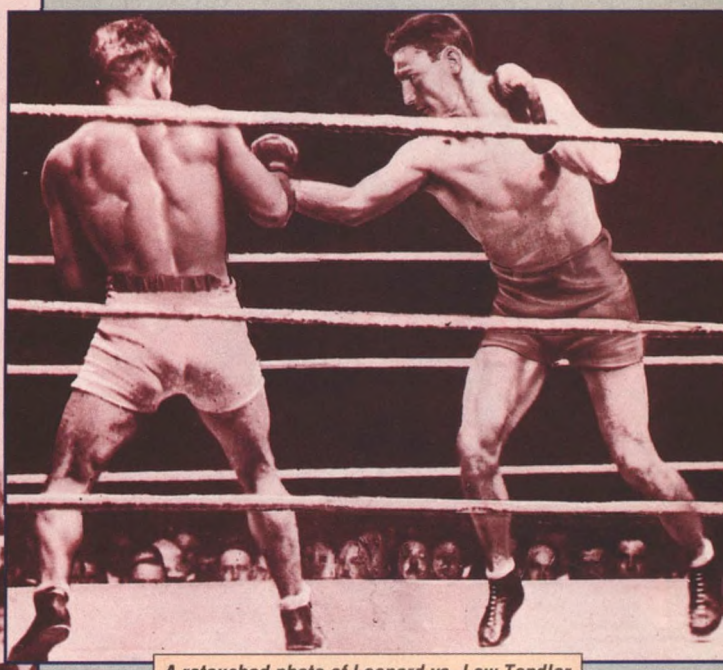




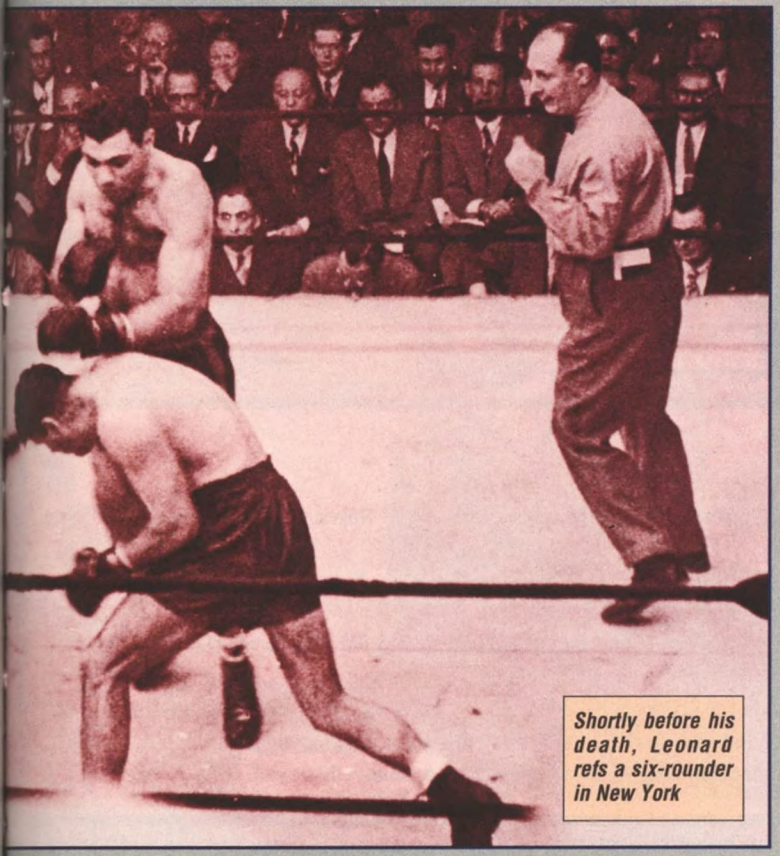
PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 85-5-1 (69) with 121 no-decisions
YEARS FOUGHT: 1911-1932
TITLE HELD: World Lightweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Lew Tendler, July 23, 1923
Outslicked hard-hitting lefty in front of nearly 60,000 at Yankee Stadium
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 9 Freddie Welsh, KO 3 Johnny Kilbane, KO 8 Willie Ritchie, KO 9 Charley White, W 15 Rocky Kansas
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Superb boxing skills and solid hitting allowed him to dominate lightweight division in talent-rich era ... Only stopped four times in more than 200 career bouts, a testament to his defensive ability ... Would have won welter title, but fouled out after hitting champ Jack Britton while he was down.



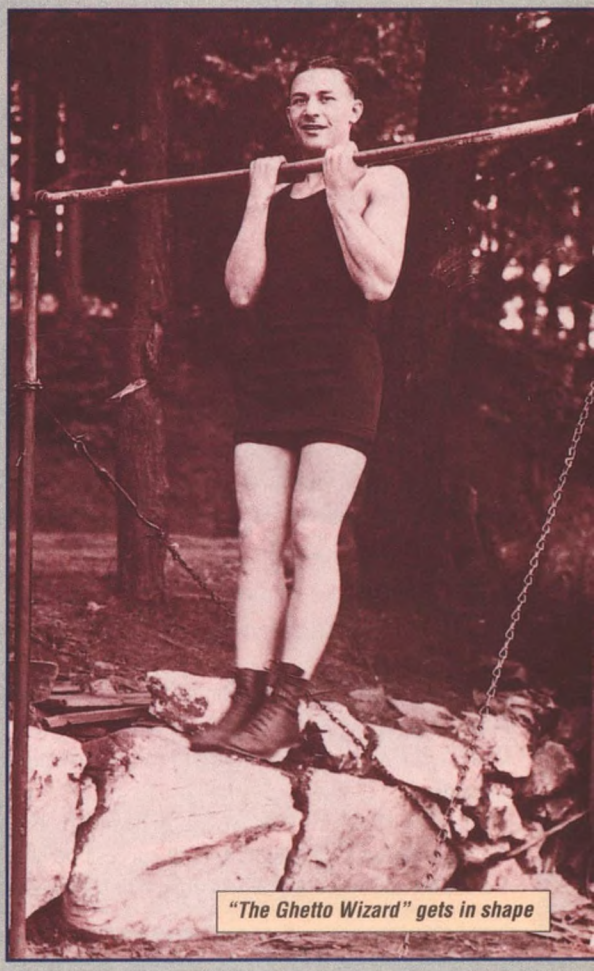
Leonard takes the fight to Rocky Kansas



A retouched photo of Leonard vs. Lew Tendler



Shortly before his death, Leonard refs a six-rounder in New York



"The Ghetto Wizard" gets in shape

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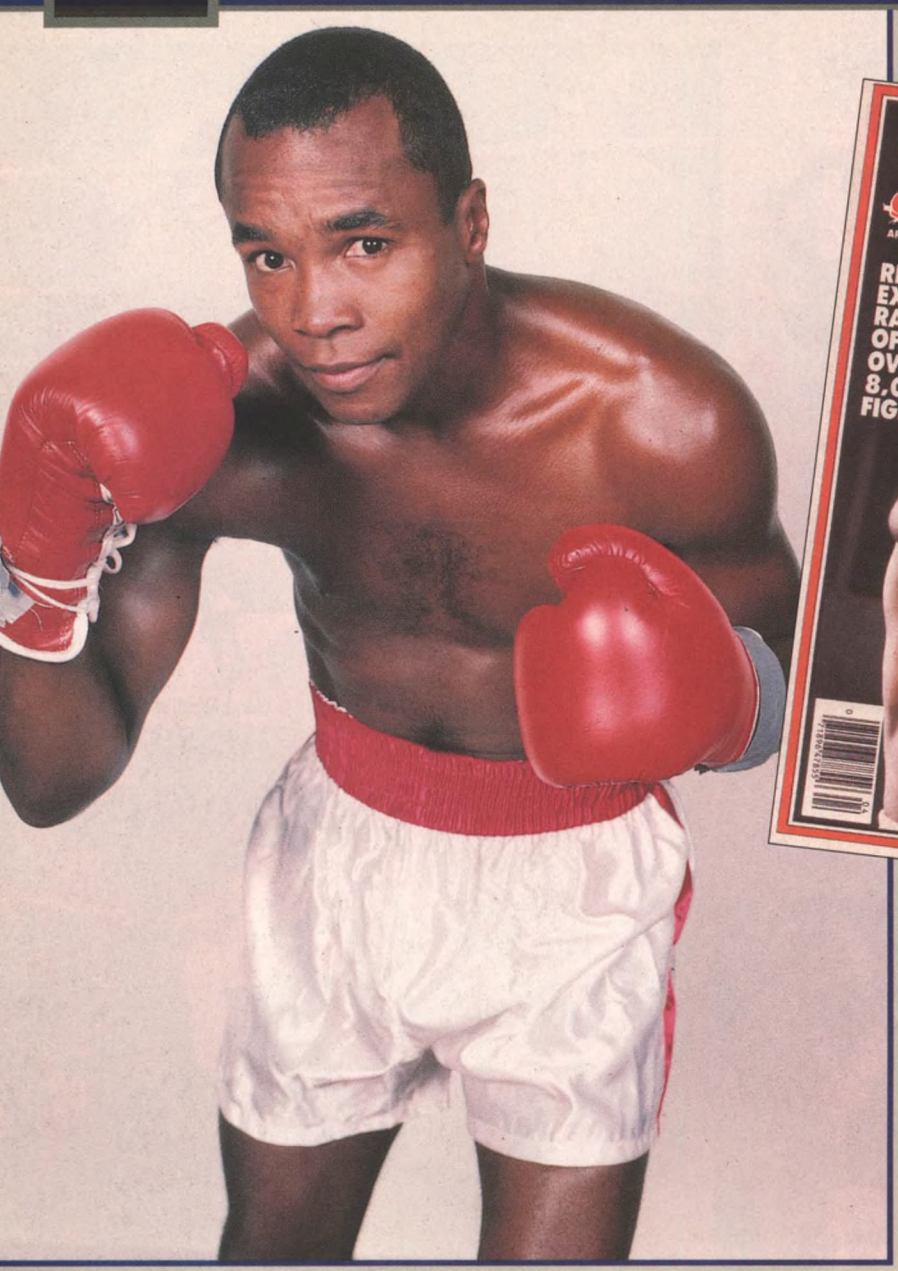
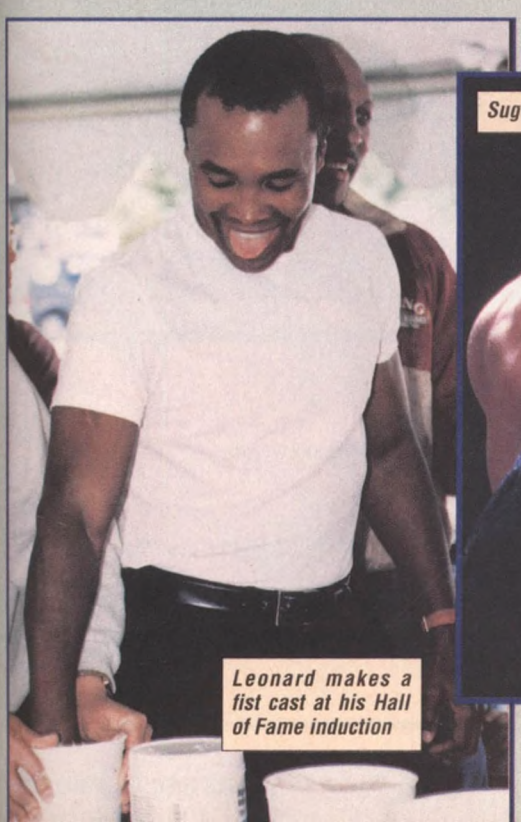


PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 36-3-1 (25)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1977-1997
TITLES HELD: World Welterweight, WBA Junior Middleweight, World Middleweight, WBC Super Middleweight, WBC Light Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 14 Thomas Hearns, September 16, 1981
Proved there was just as much substance as style
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 15 Wilfred Benitez, L 15 Robert Duran, KO 8 Roberto Duran, W 12 Marvin Hagler, KO 9 Don Lalonde
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Burst onto the scene at 1976 Olympics and went on to rescue boxing in the post-Ali era doldrums … Like Ali, built success on speed and artistic flair … Also like Ali, never shied away from any opponent ... Versatility allowed him to beat all styles … Clean-cut image boosted sport's mainstream appeal.

Leonard hooks Tommy Hearns in their 1981 classic

Leonard beats Wilfred Benitez for the welterweight title



Leonard makes a fist cast at his Hall of Fame induction

Sugar Ray exchanges with Marvelous Marvin Hagler

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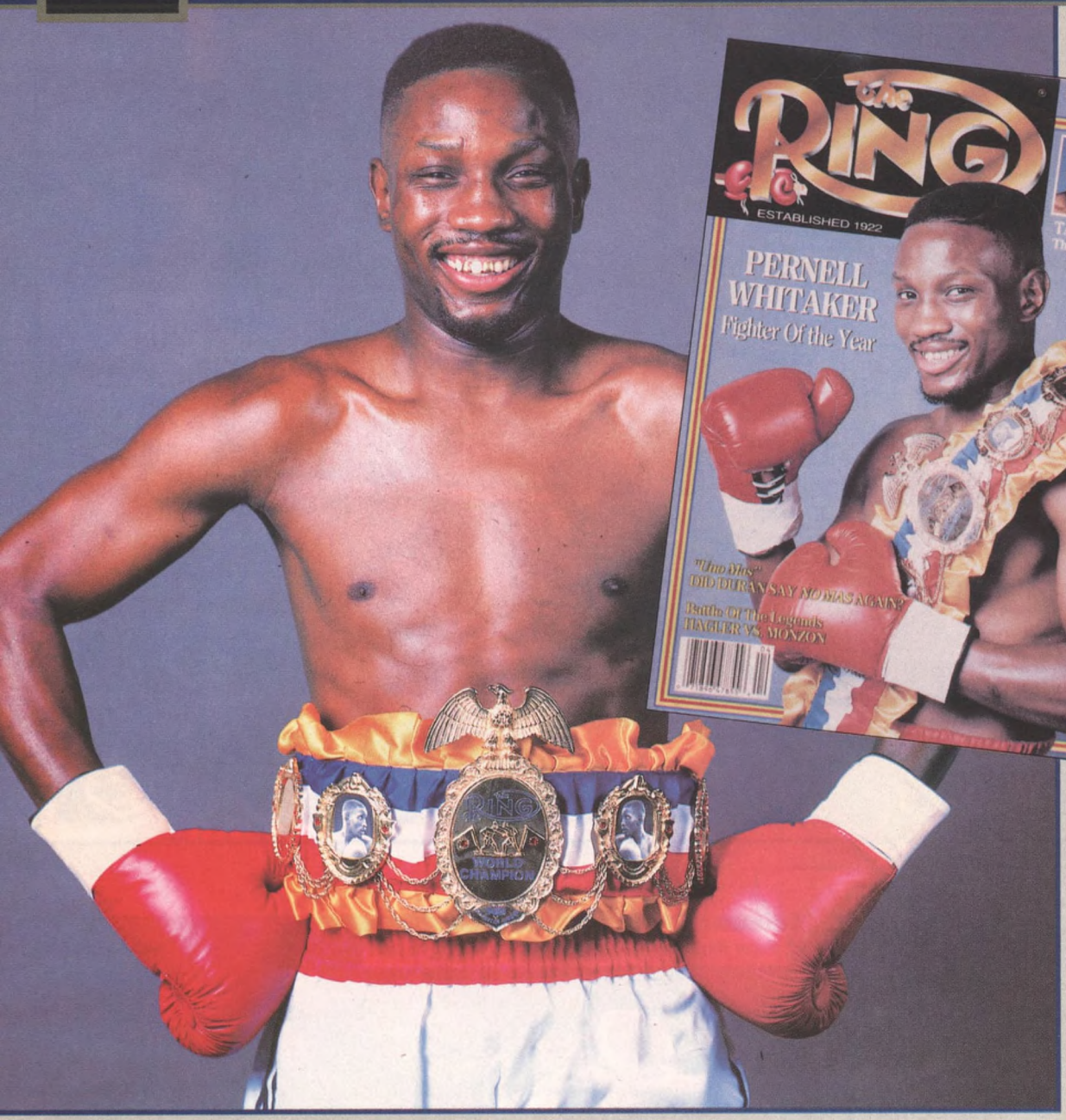
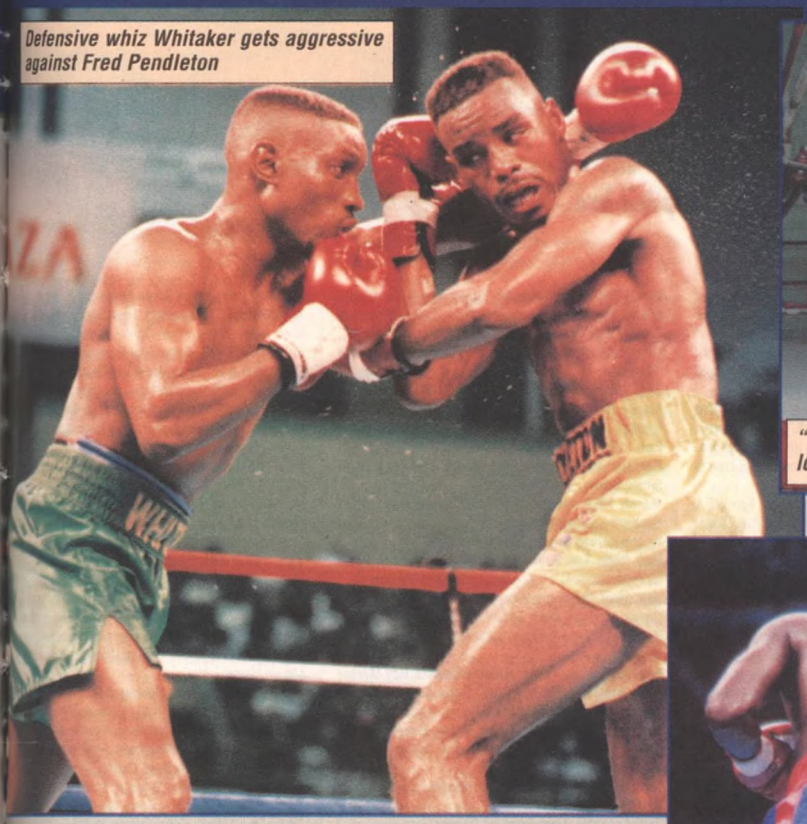
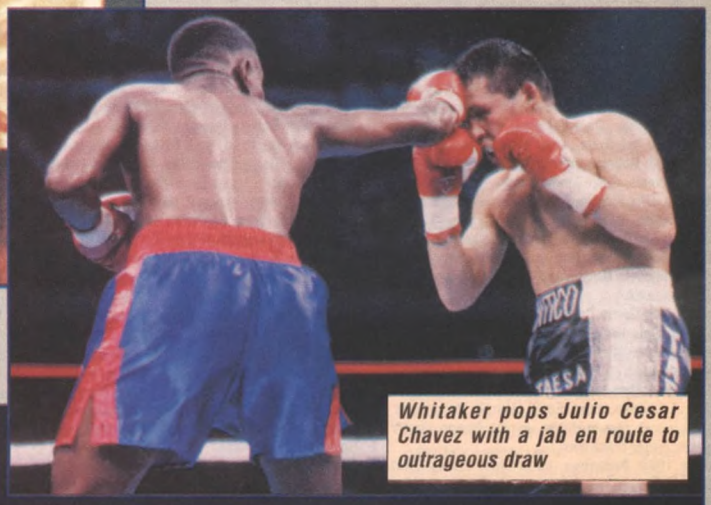


PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 40-4-1 (17)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1984-2001
TITLES HELD: World Lightweight, IBF Junior Welterweight, WBC Welterweight, WBA Junior Middleweight
DEFINING FIGHT: D 12 Julio Cesar Chavez, September 10, 1993
Controversial decision couldn't overshadow masterful performance
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 12 Jose Luis Ramirez, W 12 Azumah Nelson, W 12 Buddy McGirt, W 12 Julio Cesar Vasquez, L 12 Oscar De La Hoya
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: A southpaw bolt of lightning, Whitaker emerged as a gold medalist at the '84 Olympics … Won one world championship and assorted alphabet titles in four different divisions … So skilled that many of his fights were one-sided masterpieces … Some feel he never really lost a fight until age 35.



Defensive whiz Whitaker gets aggressive against Fred Pendleton

"Sweet Pea" clowns around with longtime trainer/manager Lou Duva



Whitaker pops Julio Cesar Chavez with a jab en route to outrageous draw

Aging Whitaker makes a gallant stand against Felix Trinidad

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11 CARLOS MONZON

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 87-3-9 (59) with 1 no-contest

YEARS FOUGHT: 1963-1977

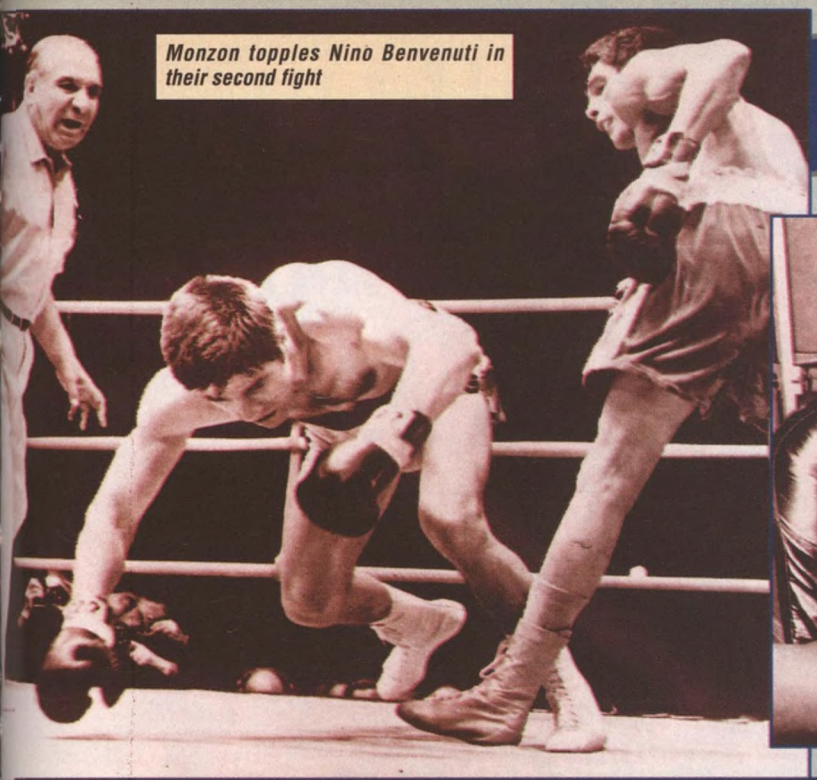
TITLE HELD: World Middleweight

DEFINING FIGHT: KO 12 Nino Benvenuti, November 7, 1970

Explodes onto the scene with kayo of fellow Hall of Famer

OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 14 Emile Griffith, KO 13 Jean-Claude Bouttier, W 15 Bennie Briscoe, KO 7 Jose Napoles, W 15 Rodrigo Valdes

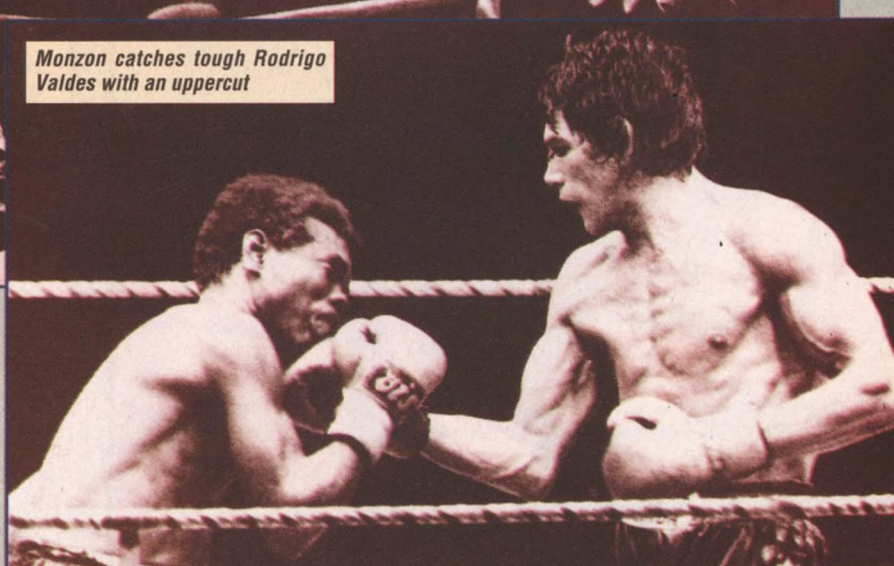
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Made 14 successful middleweight title defenses, setting division record that stood until 2002 ... Still world champion upon retirement ... Unbeaten over the last 81 bouts of his career, a span of 13 years.



Monzon topples Nino Benvenuti in their second fight

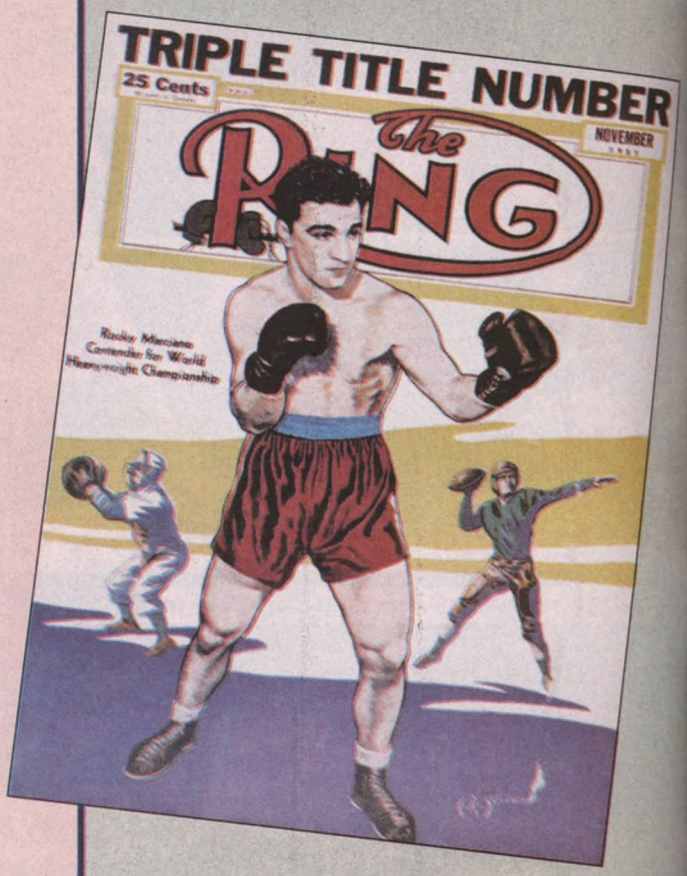
Ladies' man Monzon relaxes after a tough day at the office

Tony Licata eats a jab in Monzon's lone U.S. appearance

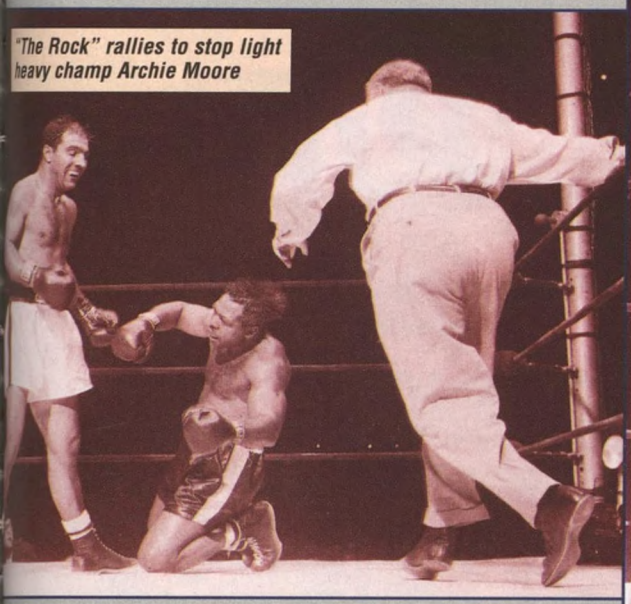


Monzon catches tough Rodrigo Valdes with an uppercut

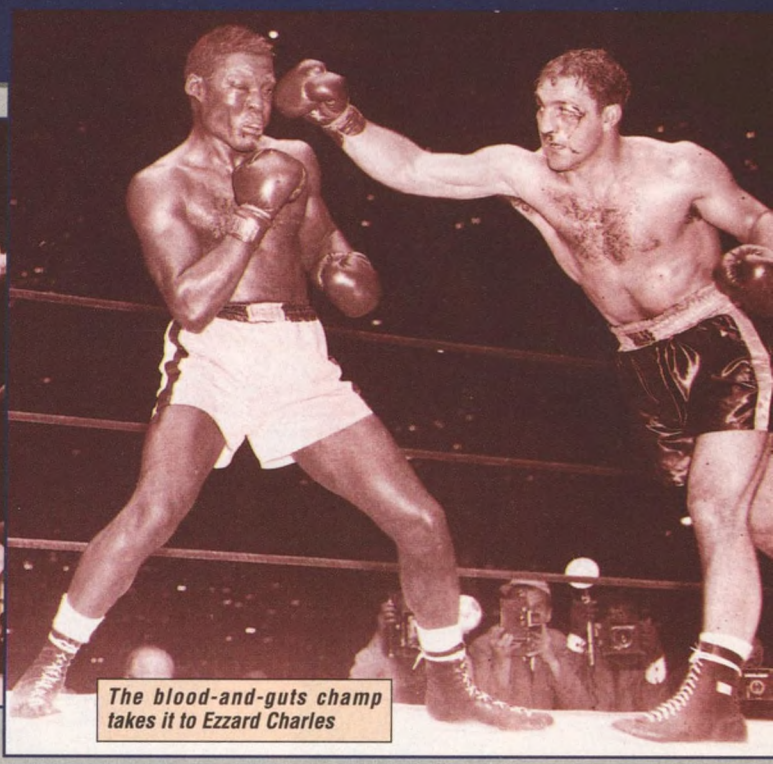
12 ROCKY MARCIANO



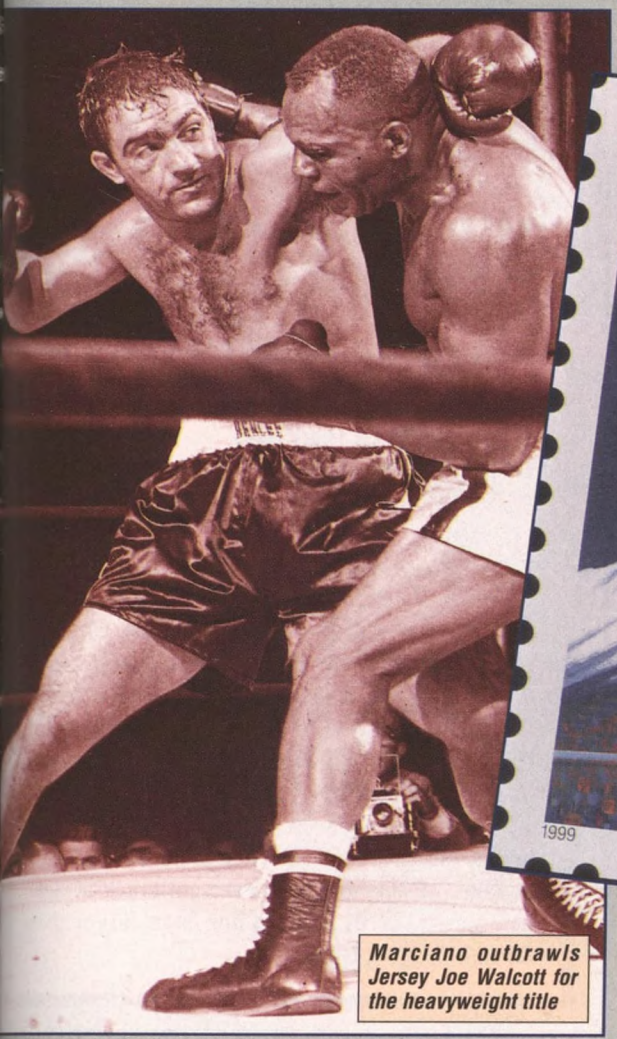
PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 49-0 (43)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1947-1955
TITLE HELD: World Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 13 Jersey Joe Walcott, September 23, 1952
Rises from first-round knockdown to win title
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 6 Rex Layne, KO 8 Joe Louis, KO 11 Roland LaStarza, KO 8 Ezzard Charles, KO 9 Archie Moore
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Only world heavyweight champion to retire undefeated … Overcame late start, small size, and crude skills to dominate division during early-'50s … Frightening power and an uncanny ability to absorb punishment.



"The Rock" rallies to stop light heavy champ Archie Moore



The blood-and-guts champ takes it to Ezzard Charles



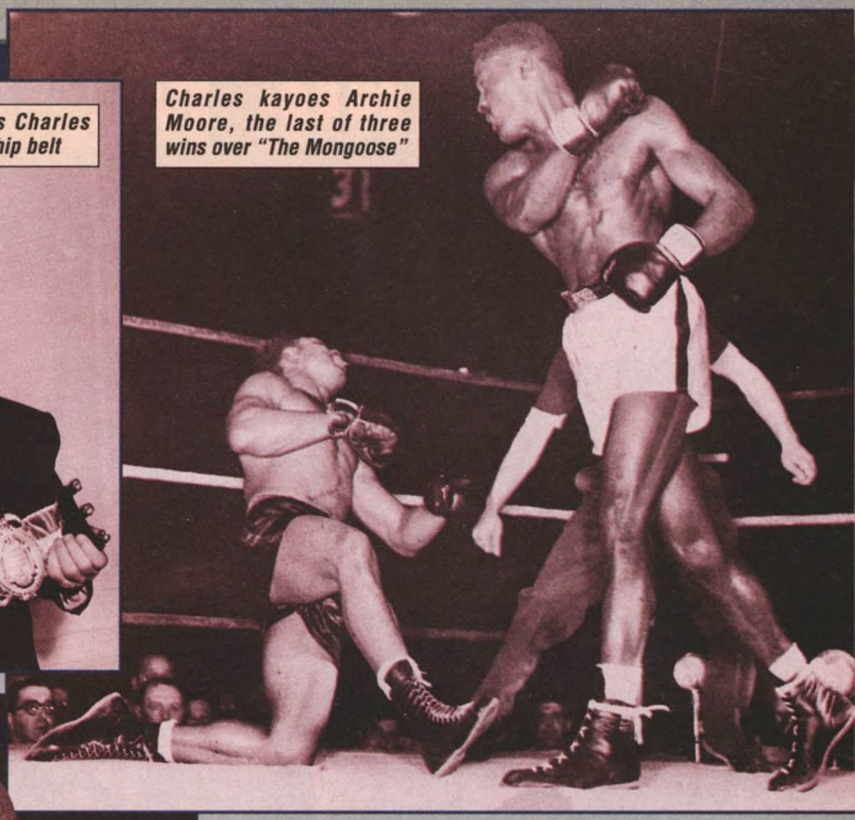
Marciano outbrawls Jersey Joe Walcott for the heavyweight title

Marciano had his greatness stamped in 1999

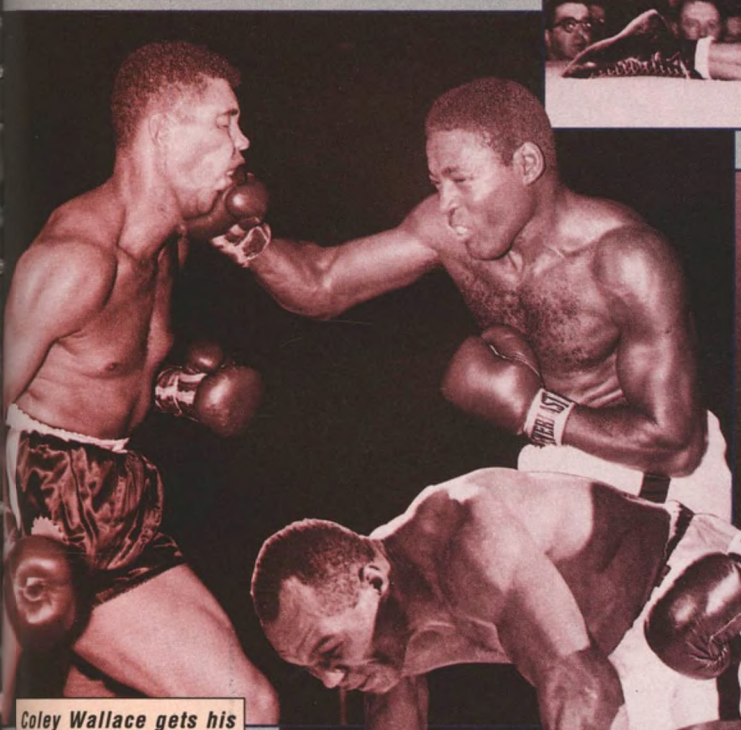
13 EZZARD CHARLES

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 96-25-1 (58)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1940-1959
TITLE HELD: World Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 8 Archie Moore, January 13, 1948
Virtually the only 175-pounder Moore couldn't beat
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Charley Burley, W 10 Jimmy Bivins, W 10 Joey Maxim, W 15 Jersey Joe Walcott, W 15 Joe Louis
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Clever boxer with a hard punch had misfortune of following wildly popular Louis as heavyweight champion, which led to being undervalued at the time … Widely considered best 175-pounder of all-time, but never got crack at light heavy title … Beat many top men larger than himself.

Nat Fleischer presents Charles with THE RING championship belt



Charles kayoes Archie Moore, the last of three wins over "The Mongoose"



Coley Wallace gets his face rearranged by "The Cincinnati Cobra"

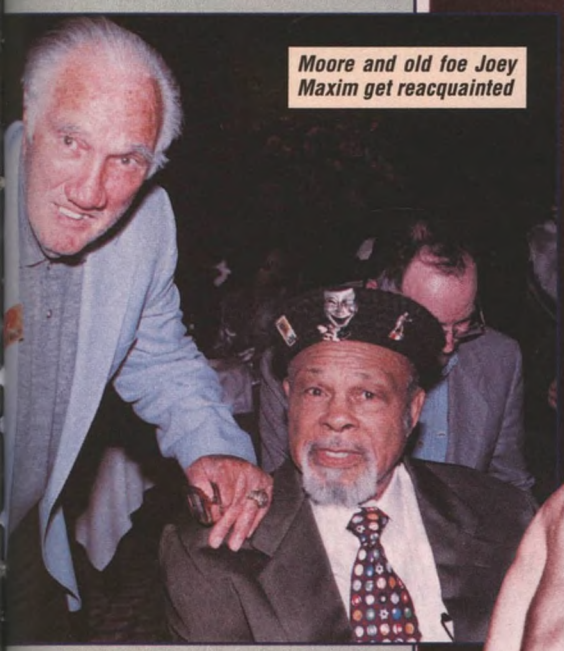
Charles sends Jersey Joe Walcott to the canvas

14 ARCHIE MOORE

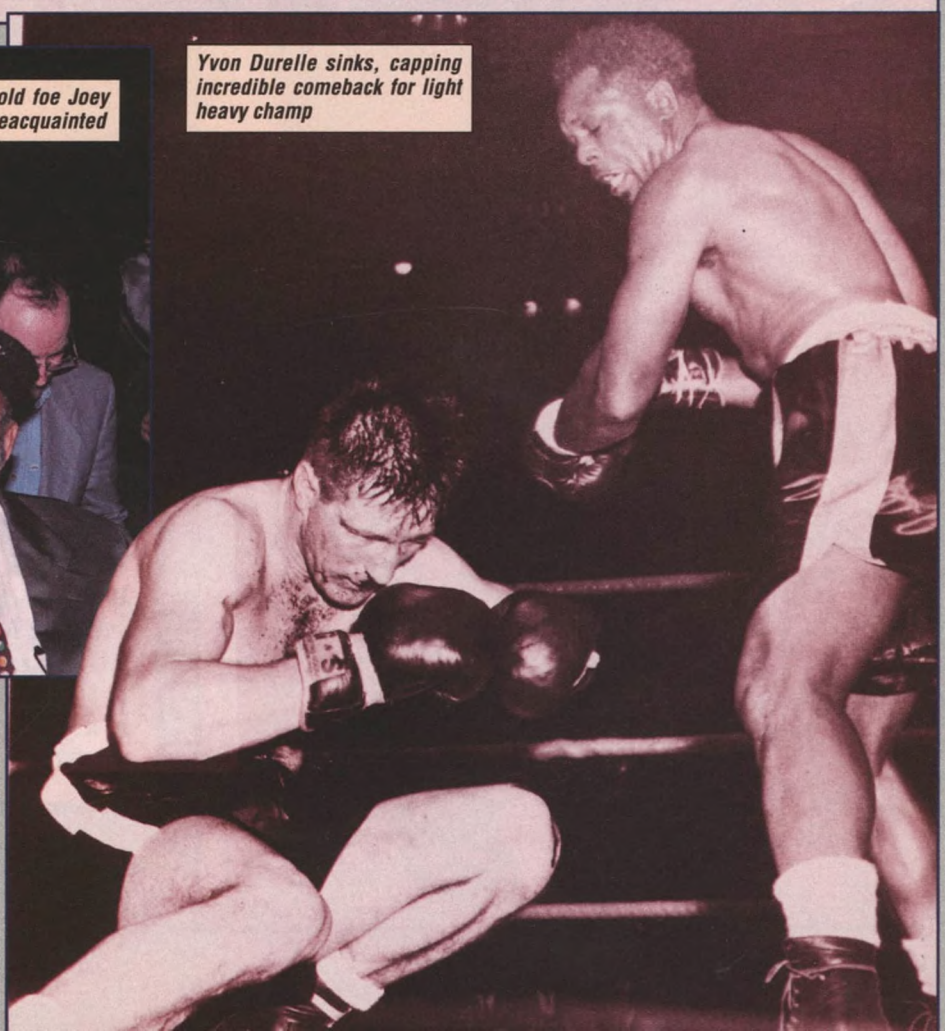
PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 194-26-8 (141) with 1 no-contest
YEARS FOUGHT: 1936-1963
TITLE HELD: World Light Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 10 Yvon Durelle, December 10, 1958
Rises from four knockdowns to retain title
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 9 Jimmy Bivins, W 15 Joey Maxim, KO 14 Harold Johnson, KO by 9 Rocky Marciano, KO by 5 Floyd Patterson
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Holds record for most professional knockouts ... Won 175-pound title at age 36 and held it for 10 years ... One of only two men to floor Marciano ...Would probably also have captured middleweight title if he hadn't been shut out of title picture first 16 years as a pro.

Moore drills heavyweight Bob Baker with a right

Moore drops Marciano in bid for heavyweight title



Moore and old foe Joey Maxim get reacquainted



Yvon Durelle sinks, capping incredible comeback for light heavy champ

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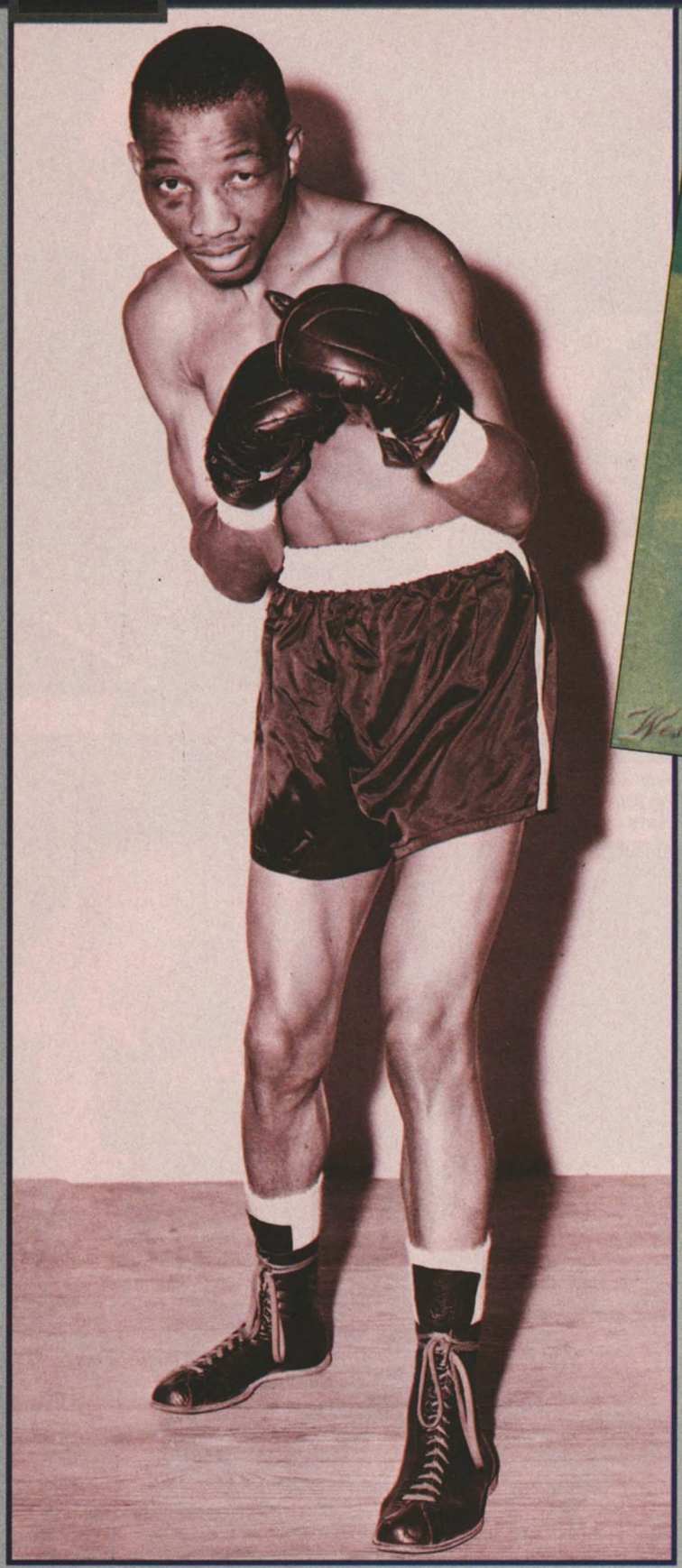
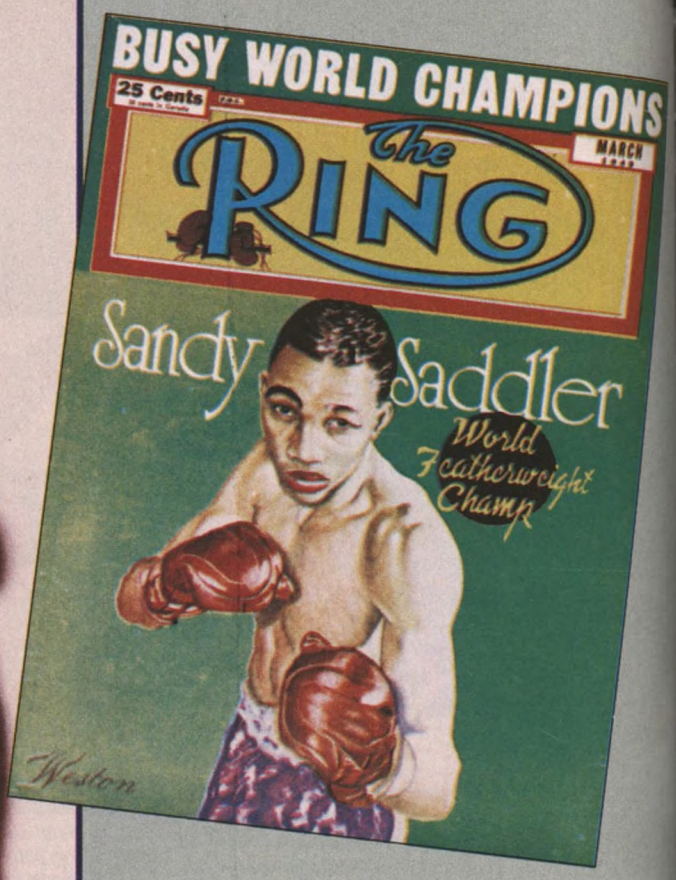
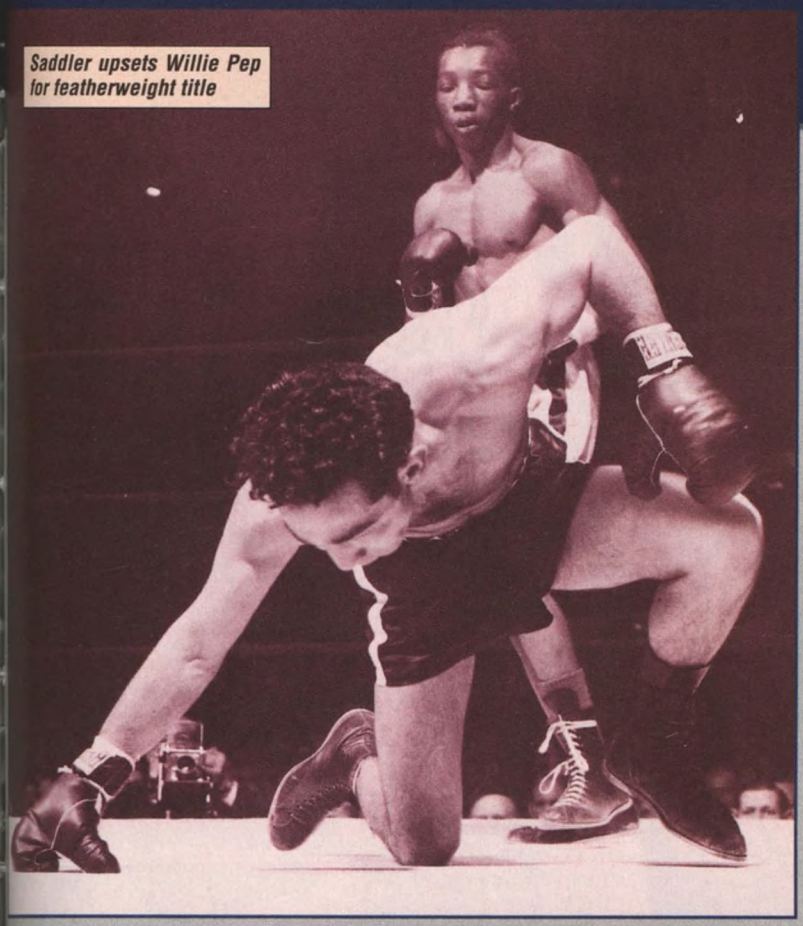
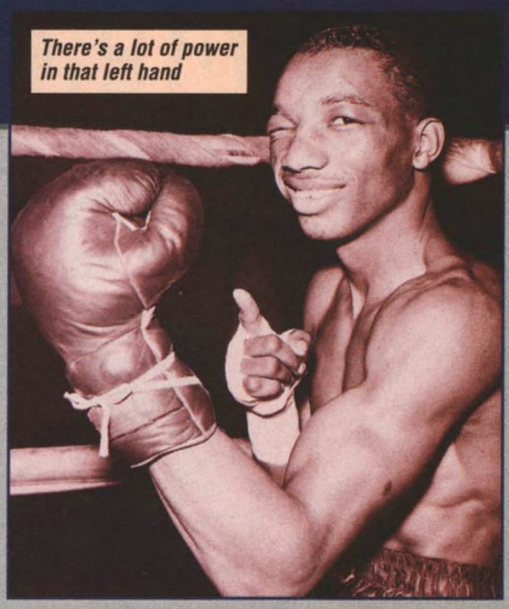




PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 144-16-2 (103)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1944-1956
TITLES HELD: World Featherweight (twice), World Junior Lightweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 4 Willie Pep, October 29, 1948
Knocks out master boxer to win title
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 3 Joe Brown, W 10 Orlando Zulueta, KO 9 Lauro Salas, KO 9 Willie Pep, KO 13 Flash Elorde
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Brutal puncher who scored more knockouts than any other featherweight champion in history ... Physical freak of nature, possessing the height (5'8") and reach of a lightweight and the power of a welterweight ... Stopped only once in 162 pro outings.

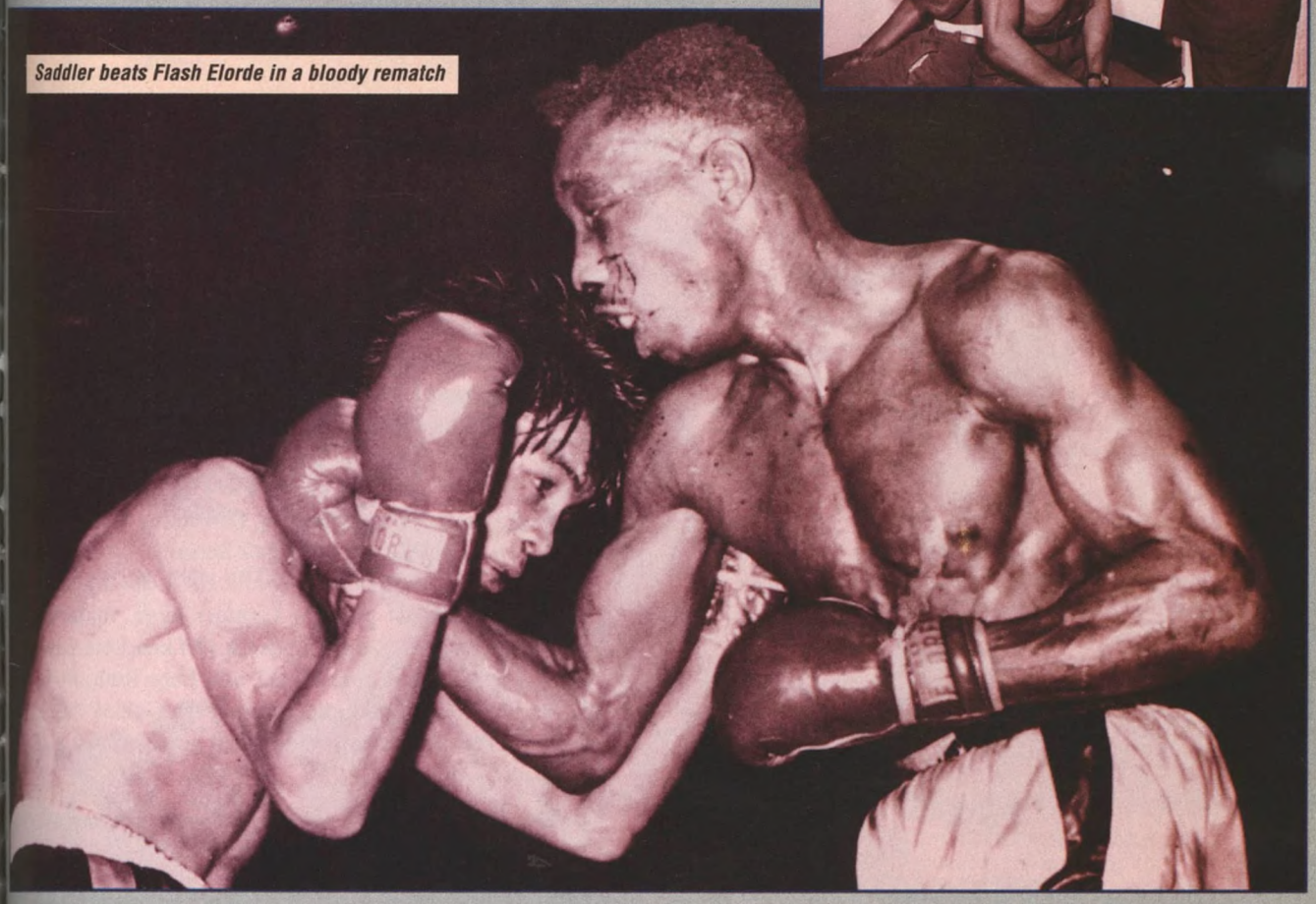


Saddler upsets Willie Pep for featherweight title



There's a lot of power in that left hand

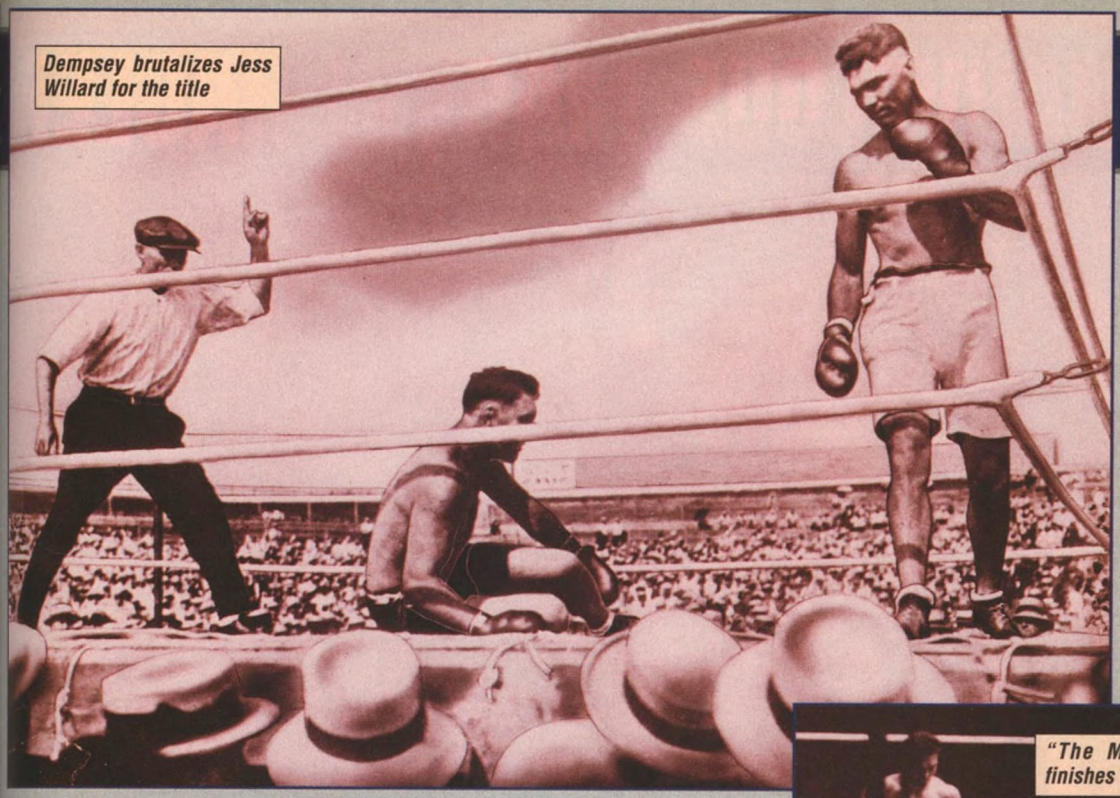
Saddler gets checked out by the doc, and by challenger Teddy "Red Top" Davis



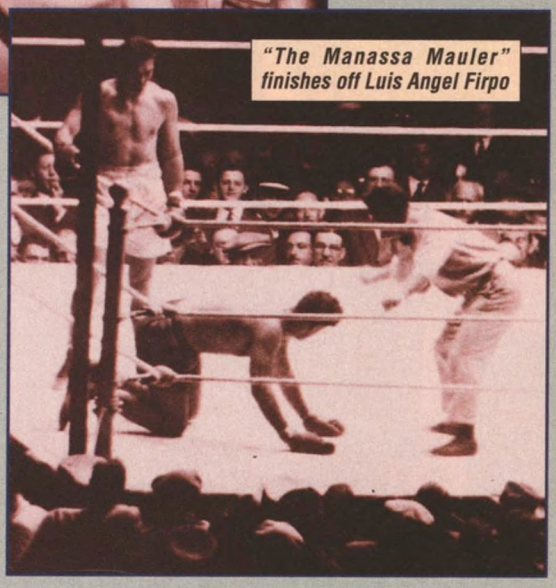
Saddler beats Flash Elorde in a bloody rematch

16 JACK DEMPSEY

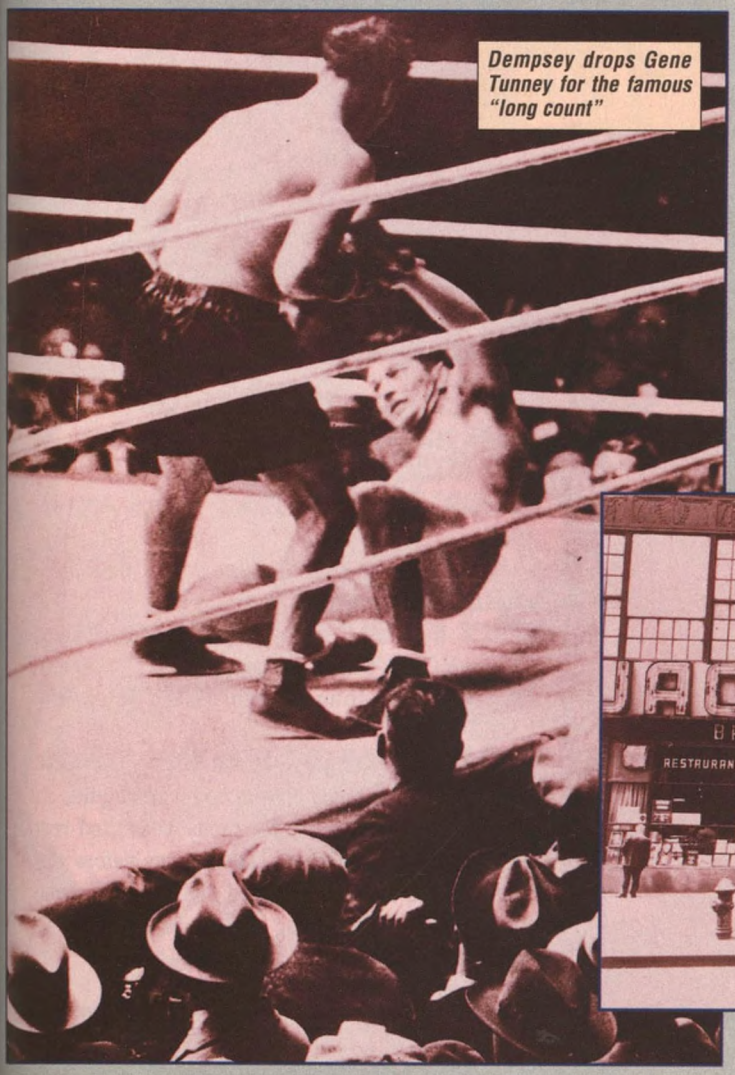
PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 61-6-8 (50) with 6 no-decisions
YEARS FOUGHT: 1914-1927
TITLE HELD: World Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 2 Luis Angel Firpo, September 14, 1923
Down twice (once through the ropes), but prevails with seven knockdowns of his own
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 3 Jess Willard, KO 4 Georges Carpentier, W 15 Tommy Gibbons, L 10 Gene Tunney, KO 7 Jack Sharkey
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: One of the most popular fighters ever, thanks to remorseless, swarming attack and knockout power … Stood on equal ground with Babe Ruth, Bobby Jones, and Red Grange during the Golden Age of sports ... Created boxing's first million-dollar gate, vs. Carpentier.



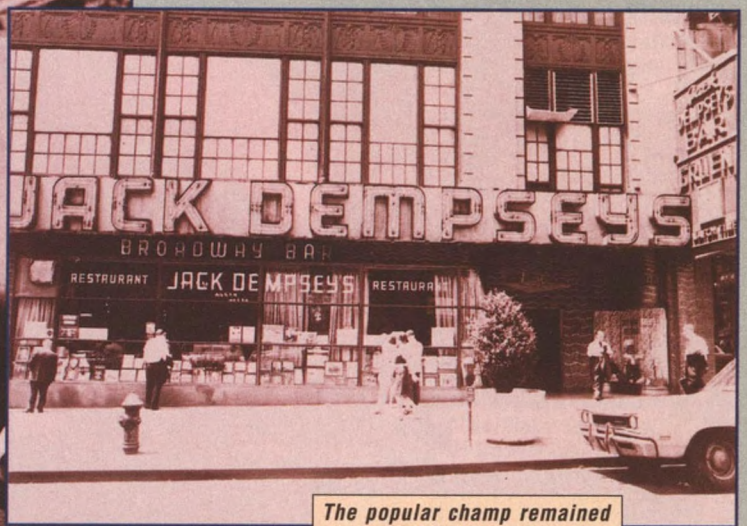
Dempsey brutalizes Jess Willard for the title



"The Manassa Mauler" finishes off Luis Angel Firpo



Dempsey drops Gene Tunney for the famous "long count"



The popular champ remained successful after boxing

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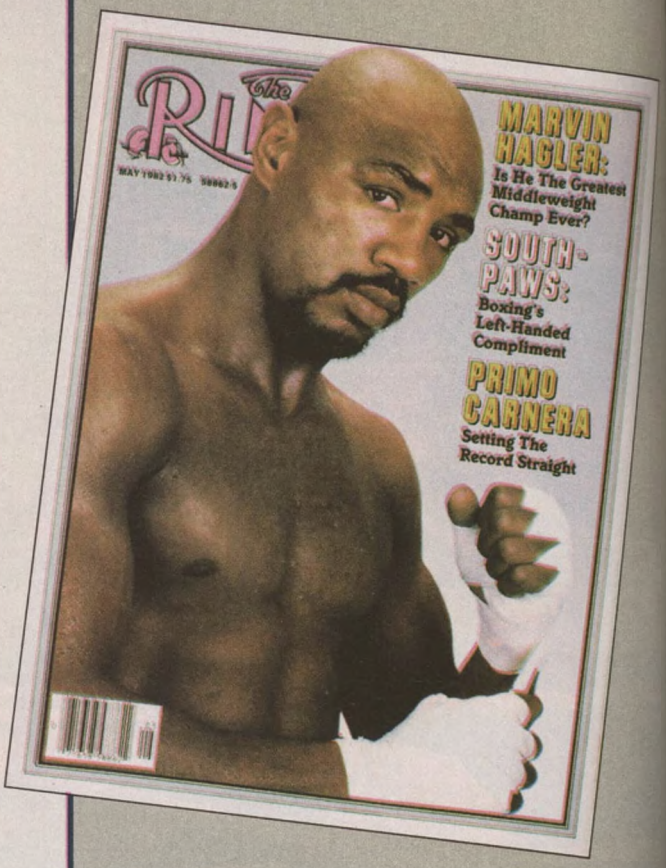
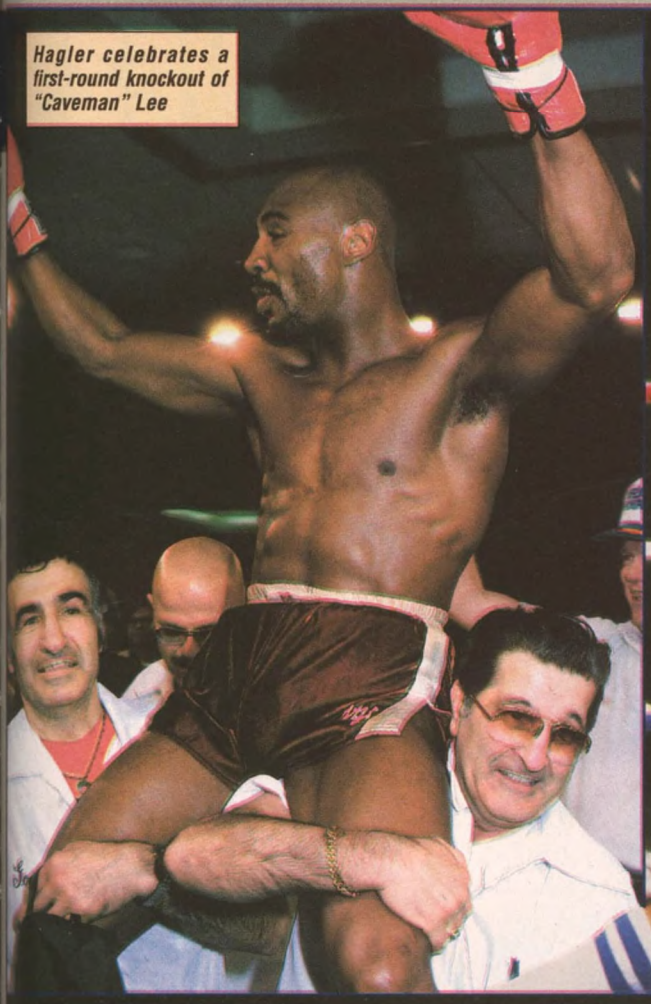
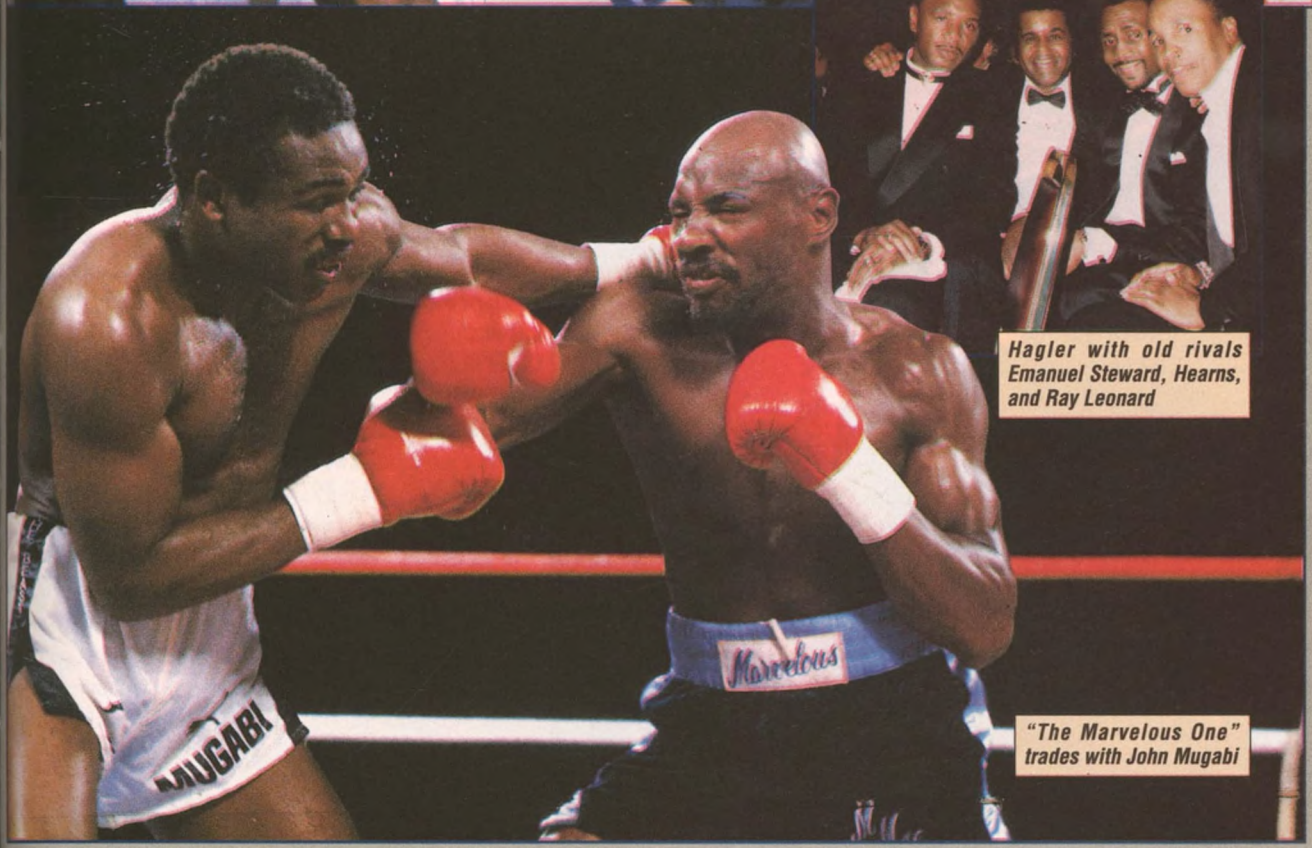


PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 62-3-2 (52)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1973-1987
TITLE HELD: World Middleweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 3 Thomas Hearns, April 15, 1985
A career's worth of excitement in less than three rounds of mayhem
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 5 Vito Antuofermo, KO 11 Mustafa Hamsho, W 15 Roberto Duran, KO 11 John Mugabi, L 12 Sugar Ray Leonard
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Hard-hitting southpaw epitomized warrior ethic ... Toiled in near obscurity for many years and beat most of the world's top middleweights *before* getting a shot at the title ... Ruled 160-pound division for seven years, ducking no one and making 12 successful title defenses.



Hagler celebrates a first-round knockout of "Caveman" Lee

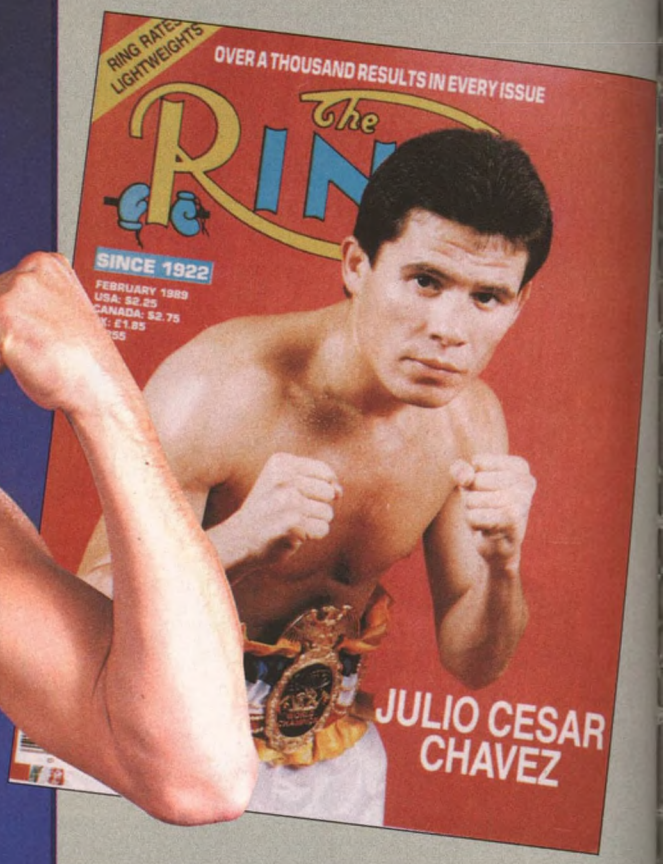
Hagler and Thomas Hearns tear into each other



"The Marvelous One" trades with John Mugabi

Hagler with old rivals Emanuel Steward, Hearns, and Ray Leonard

18 JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ



PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 104-5-2 (87)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1980-present
TITLES HELD: WBC Super Featherweight, WBA/WBC Lightweight, WBC Super Lightweight (twice), IBF Junior Welterweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 12 Meldrick Taylor, March 17, 1990
Rallies to preserve undefeated record in 140-pound unification thriller
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 6 Ruben Castillo, KO 2 Roger Mayweather, KO 11 Edwin Rosario, W 12 Hector Camacho, D 12 Pernell Whitaker
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Methodical, bodypunching approach, numerous titles, and common touch made him the most popular Mexican fighter of all-time … Unbeaten in first 90 fights before losing … As skillful as he was strong.

"The Lion Of Culiacan" roars back against Meldrick Taylor

David Kamau feels the power of the Chavez bodyshot

Chavez hammers Edwin Rosario to win a piece of the lightweight title

Don King with his two '90s moneymakers, Mike Tyson and Chavez

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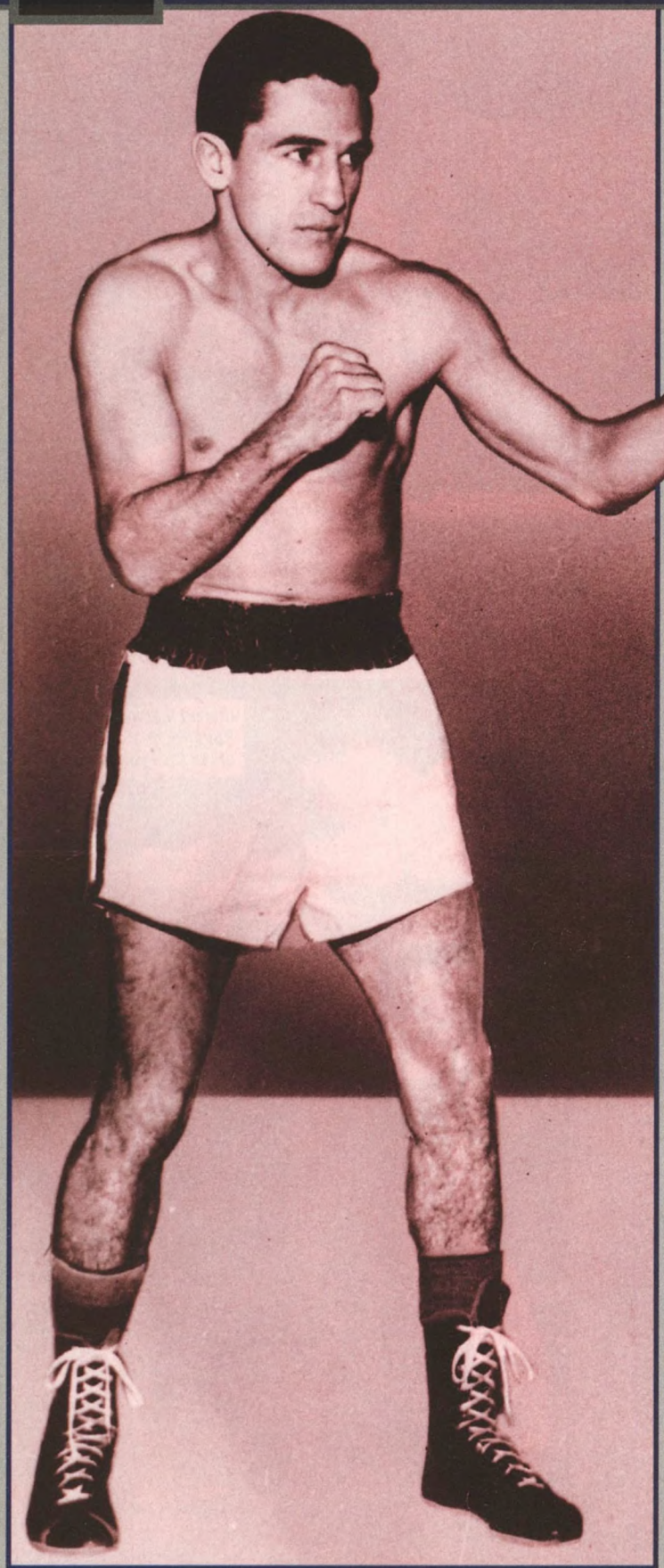
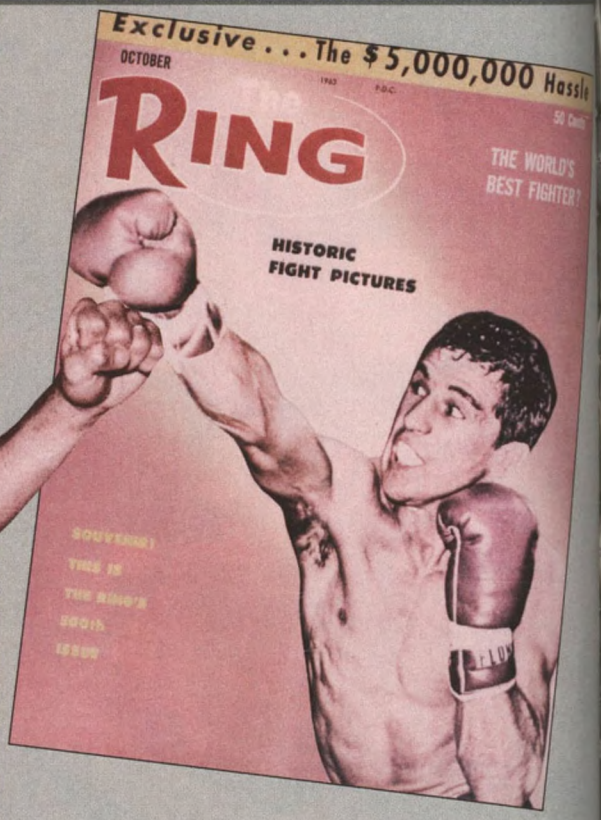




PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 72-2-4 (50)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1957-1976
TITLES HELD: World Bantamweight, WBC Featherweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 4 Vicente Saldivar, October 21, 1973
In his second career, beats another all-time great
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 6 Eloy Sanchez, KO 10 Piero Rollo, KO 10 Johnny Caldwell, L 15 Fighting Harada, W 15 Jose Legra
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Enjoyed two distinct careers … Won his first 53 fights and dominated the bantamweight division from 1961 to '65 … Retired in 1967, came back two years later, and won the featherweight title … Went 25-0 in his comeback … Only two losses in 78 bouts, both to fellow Hall of Famer Harada.

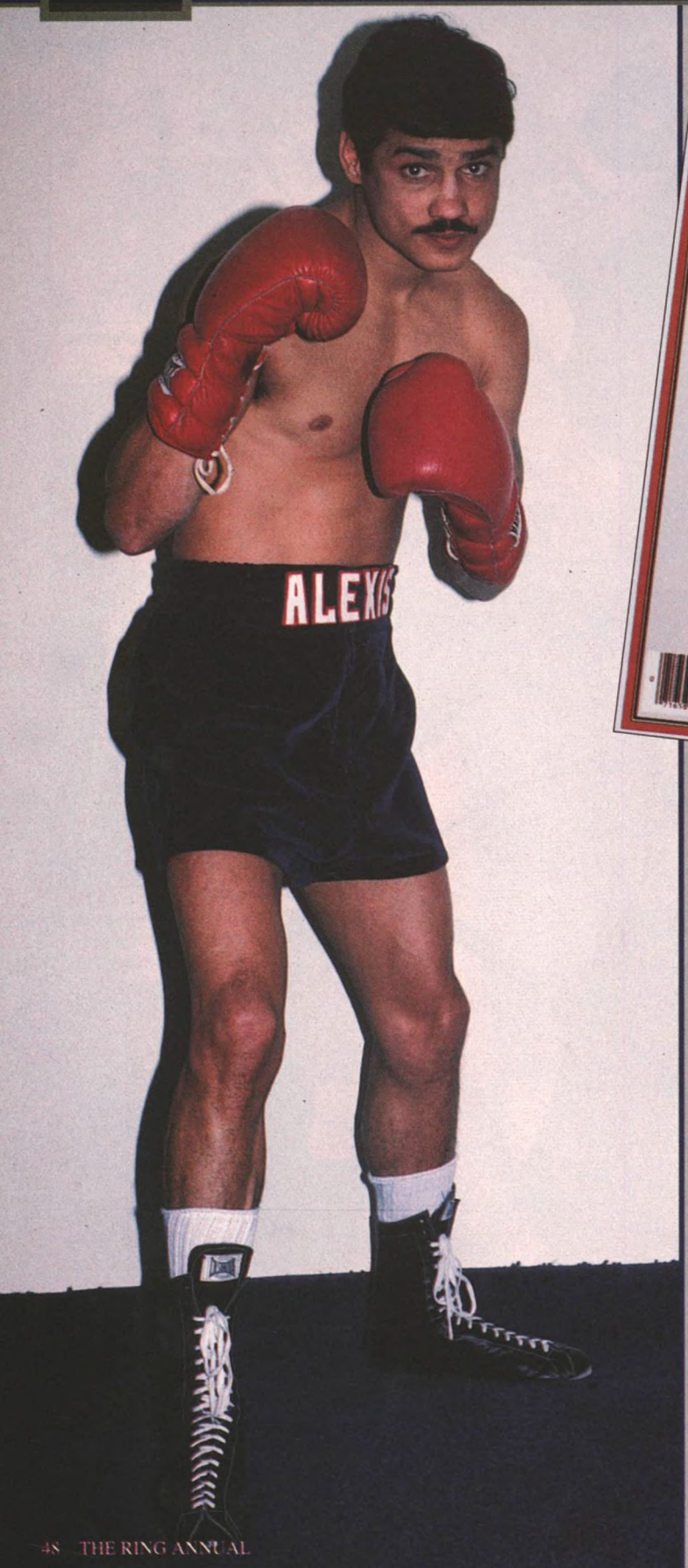
Jofre takes the NBA bantam belt from Eloy Sanchez

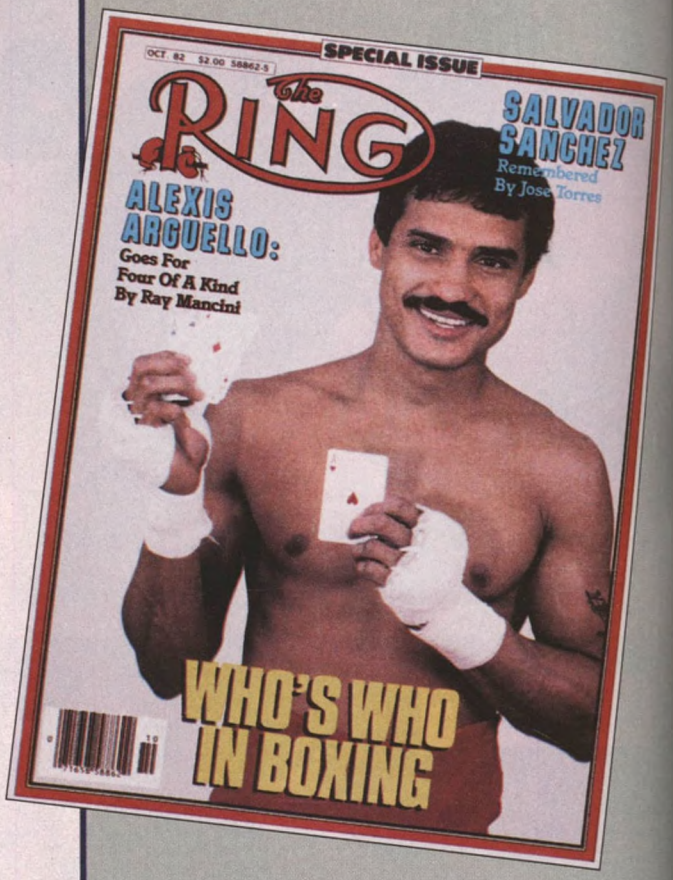
Trainer Jose Jofre celebrates a title win with his son

Ref Willie Pep halts Jofre's 1962 defense against Johnny Caldwell

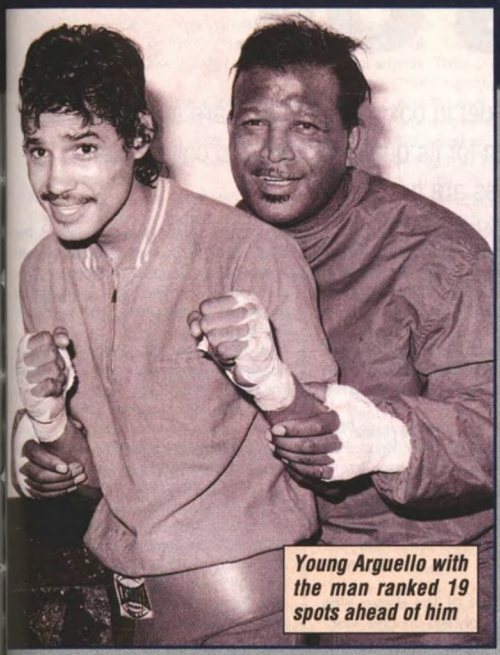
The Brazilian great takes aim at Herman Marquez

20 ALEXIS ARGUELLO





PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 80-8 (64)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1968-1995
TITLES HELD: WBA Featherweight, WBC Super Featherweight, WBC Lightweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 13 Ruben Olivares, November 23, 1974
Beats an all-time great to win 126-pound title
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 5 Royal Kobayashi, KO 13 Alfredo Escalera, W 15 Jim Watt, KO 14 Ray Mancini, KO by 14 Aaron Pryor
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Thinking man's warrior, whose instincts, ring generalship, explosive power, and relentless pursuit led him to three titles … Won 40 of 41 bouts between April '74 and July '82 … Ill-advised comeback in '90s failed to detract from former accomplishments.



Young Arguello with the man ranked 19 spots ahead of him

"The Explosive Thin Man" takes the featherweight title from Ruben Olivares

Arguello fires a right at Cornelius Boza-Edwards

Ray Mancini reels from an Arguello left

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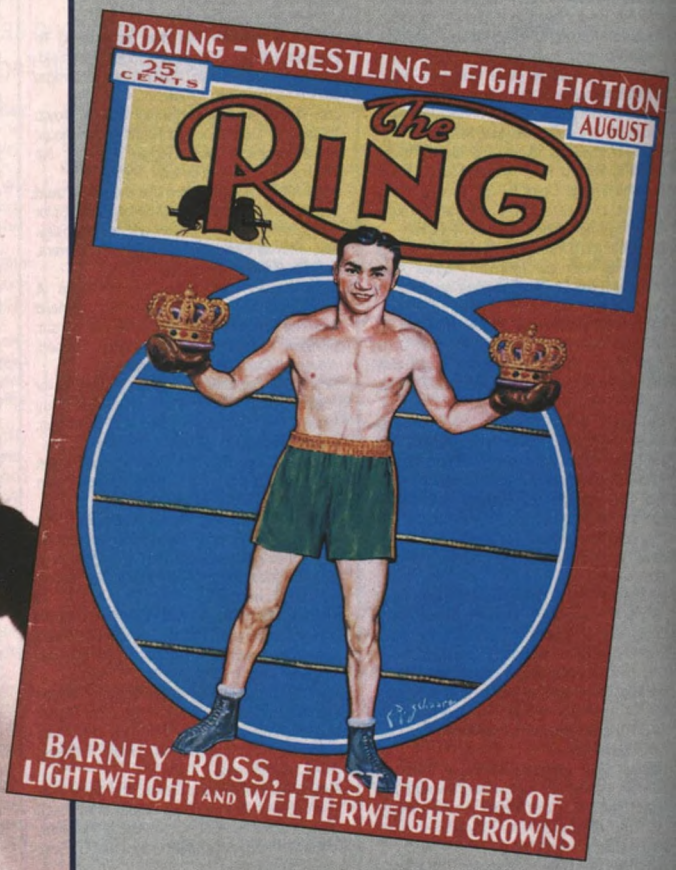

Ross holds off a charge from Jimmy McLarnin

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 72-4-3 (22) with 2 no-decisions

YEARS FOUGHT: 1929-1938

TITLES HELD: World Lightweight, World Junior Welterweight, World Welterweight

DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Jimmy McLarnin, May 28, 1934

Becomes a three-division champ with split nod in fast-paced fight

OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Battling Battalino, W 10 Billy Petrolle, W 10 Tony Canzoneri, W 15 Ceferino Garcia, L 15 Henry Armstrong

WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Very clever fighter who delivered rapid-fire punches from an assortment of angles ... Possessed strong chin and went his entire career without getting stopped ... Won the lightweight and junior welterweight titles from future Hall of Famer Canzoneri ... Won the welterweight crown from McLarnin, another Hall of Famer, while weighing just 137¼ pounds.

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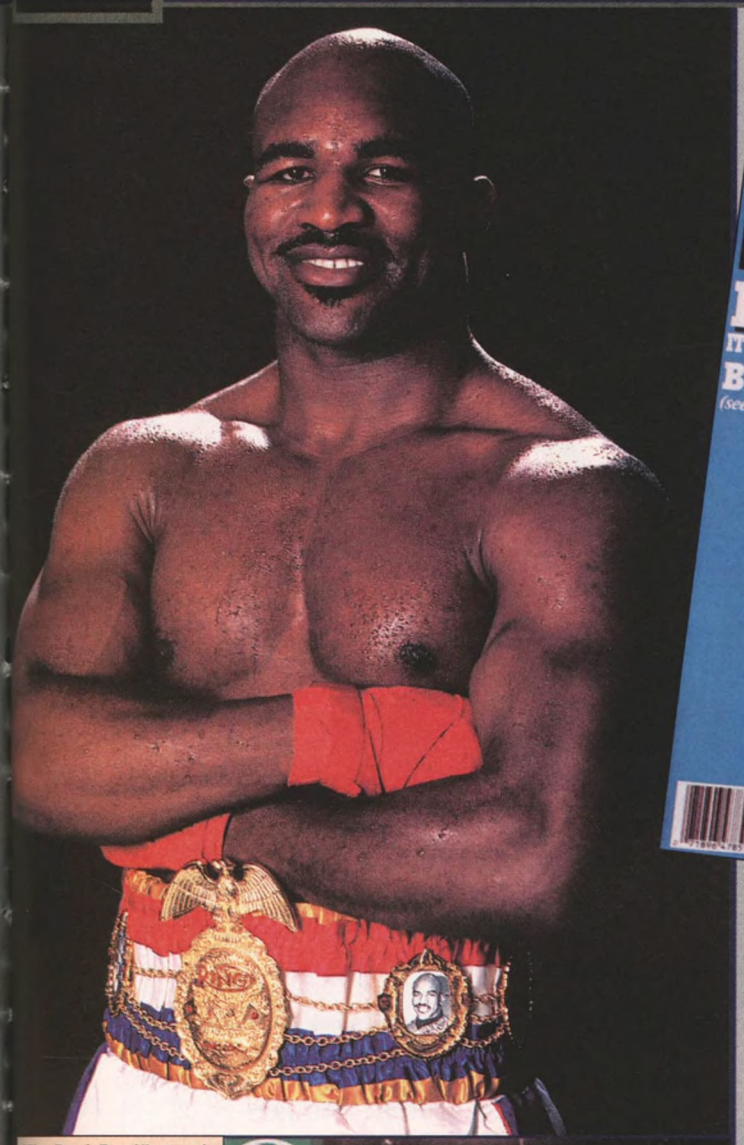

"The Real Deal" stands up to Mike Tyson

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 38-5-2 (25)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1984-present
TITLES HELD: World Cruiserweight, World Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 11 Mike Tyson, November 9, 1996
Heavy underdog wins boxing's version of Armageddon
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 15 Dwight Muhammad Qawi, KO 3 Buster Douglas, W 12 George Foreman, W 12 Riddick Bowe, W Disq. 3 Mike Tyson
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Entered heavyweight ranks as a beefed-up cruiserweight champ and developed into an all-time great ... Tireless work habits, multi-punch combinations, superb conditioning, and indomitable will power fueled success and longevity ... Rarely in a dull fight.

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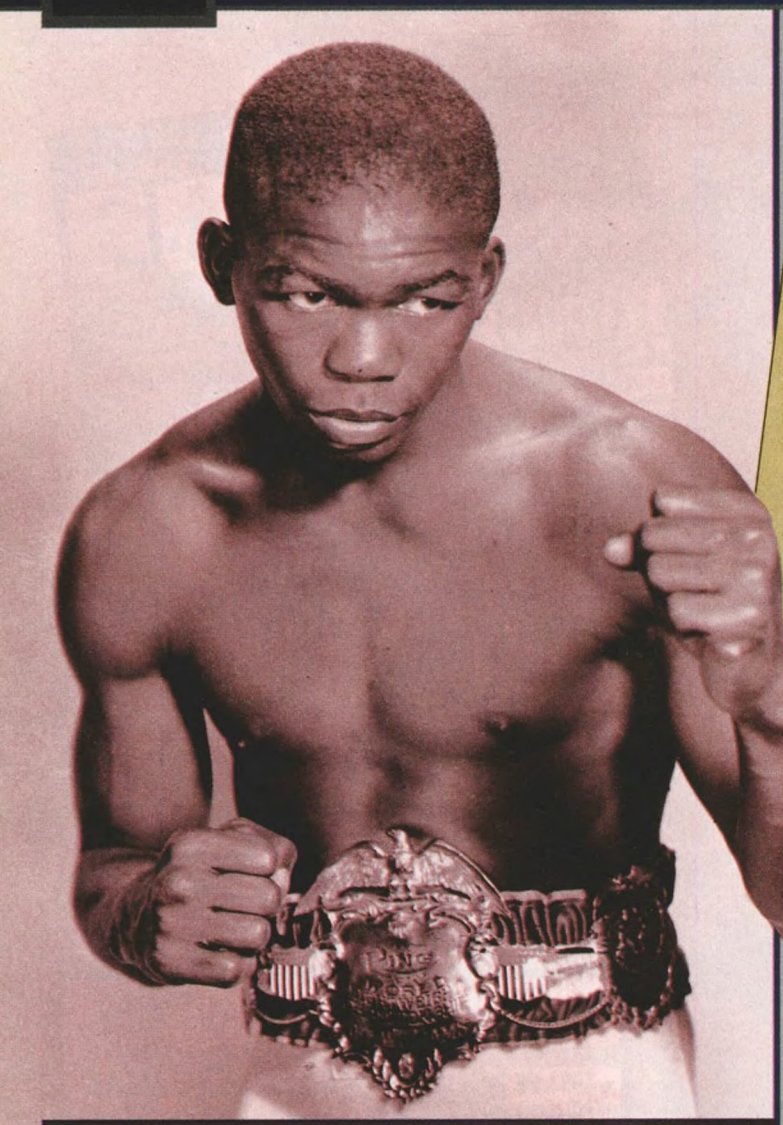
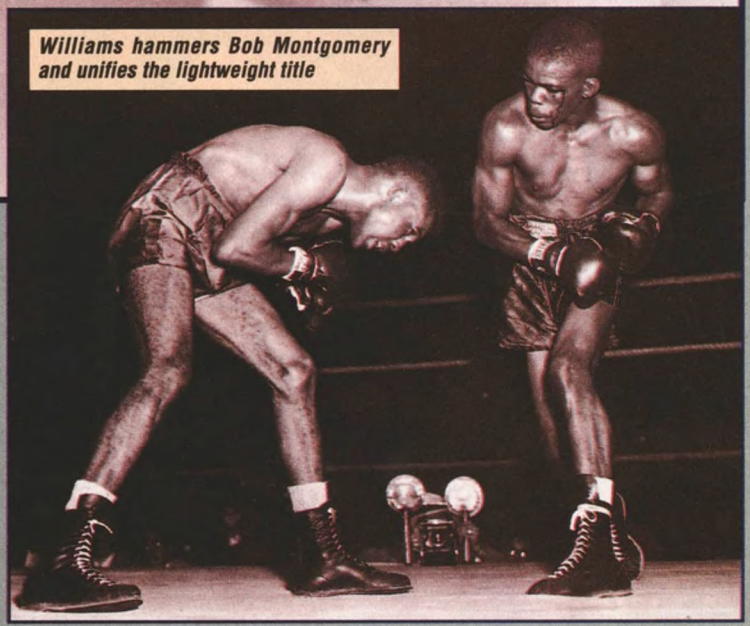


Williams hammers Bob Montgomery and unifies the lightweight title



PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 124-24-5 (60)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1940-1955
TITLE HELD: World Lightweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 6 Bob Montgomery, August 4, 1947
Avenges loss and unifies lightweight crown
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Sammy Angott, KO 8 Enrique Bolanos, W 10 Kid Gavilan, KO 6 Beau Jack, W 10 Johnny Bratton
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Skillful boxer-puncher with a stiff punch beat virtually every top 135-pounder of his era, as well as some good welterweights ... Made eight successful defenses (five world, three NBA) ... Other top-notch victims include Eddie Giosa, Johnny Hutchinson, Joe Miceli, and Willie Joyce

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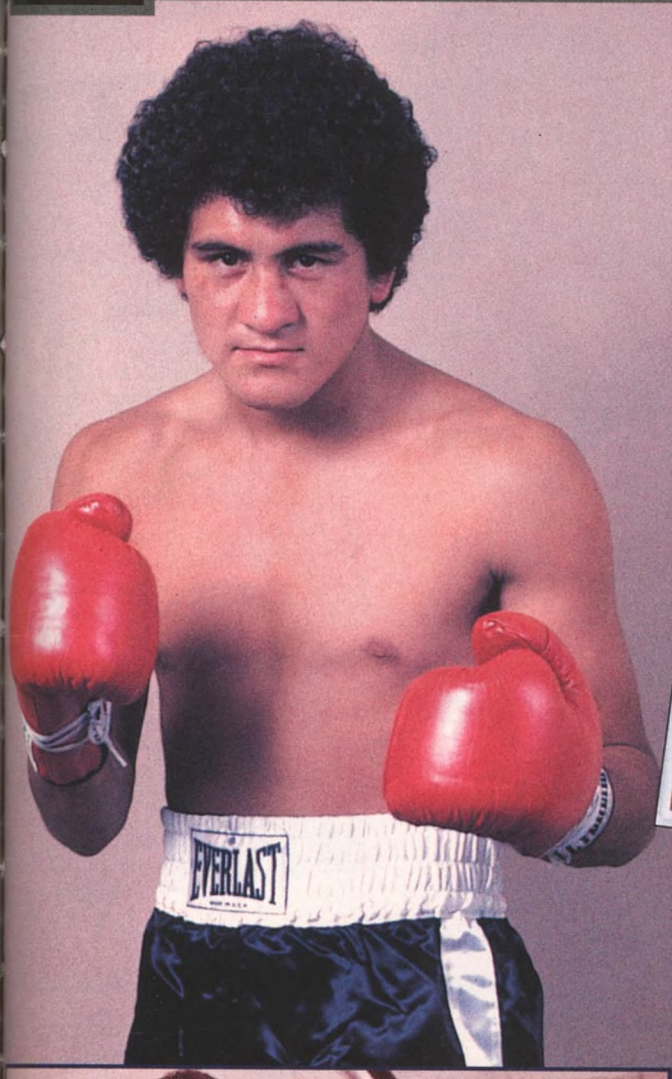

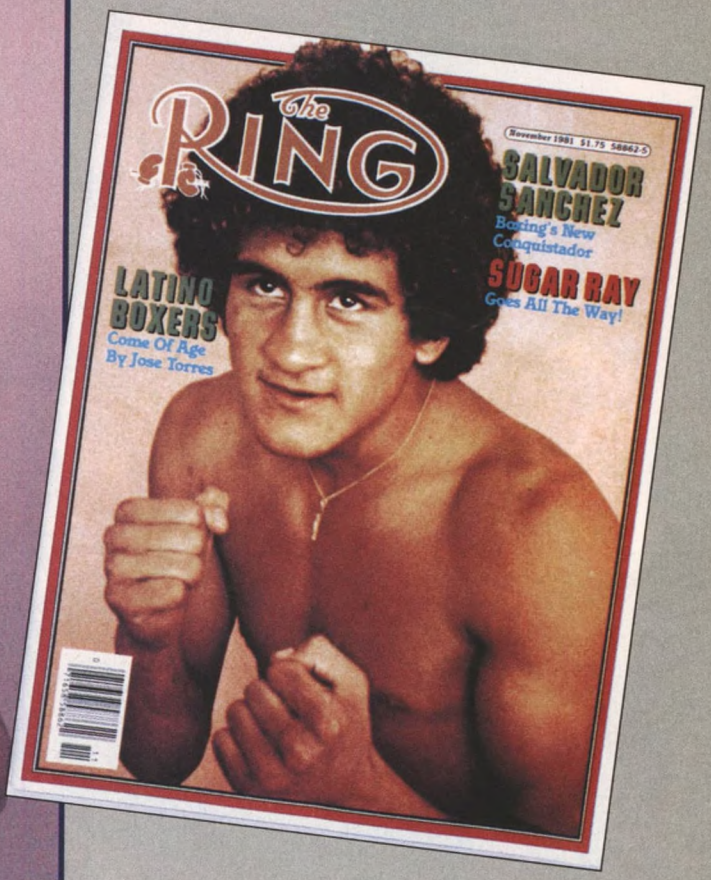

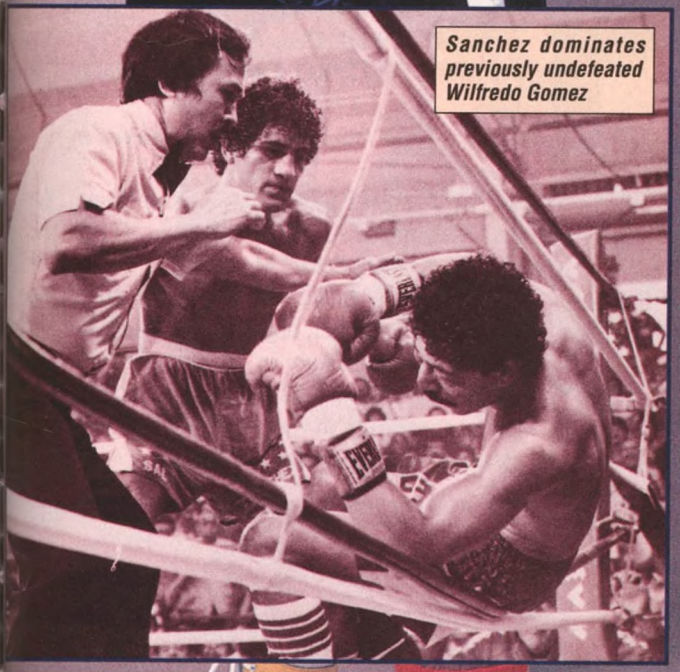

Sanchez dominates previously undefeated Wilfredo Gomez

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 44-1-1 (32)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1975-1982
TITLE HELD: WBC Featherweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 8 Wilfredo Gomez, August 21, 1981
Thrashes the unbeaten 122-pound king
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 13 Danny Lopez, W 15 Ruben Castillo, W 15 Patrick Ford, W 15 Juan LaPorte, KO 15 Azumah Nelson
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Tall and lean counterpuncher who wore down foes with accurate shots … Due to a fatal auto accident at age 23, the world will never know just how great Sanchez could have been, but had already established Hall of Fame credentials at time of death.

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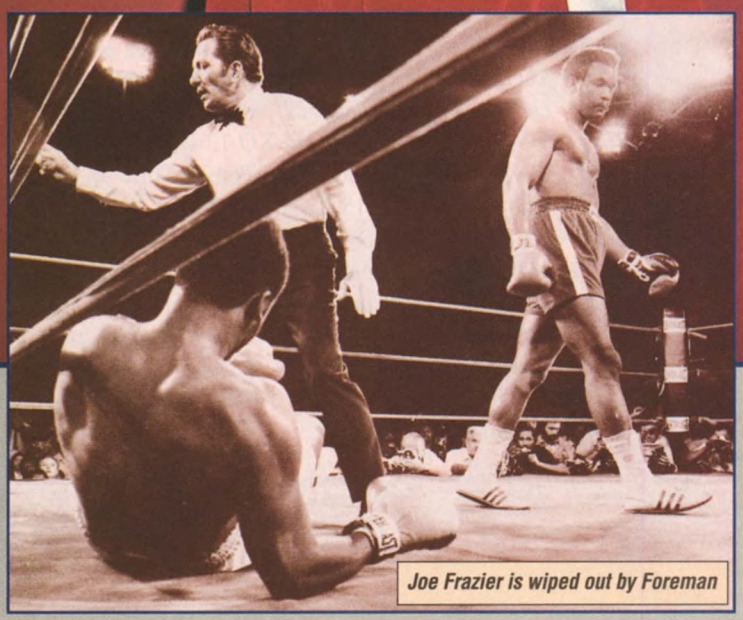

Joe Frazier is wiped out by Foreman

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 76-5 (68)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1969-1997
TITLE HELD: World Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 2 Joe Frazier, January 22, 1973
"Down goes Fray-shuh" ... six times in two rounds!
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 2 Ken Norton, KO by 8 Muhammad Ali, KO 5 Ron Lyle, KO 2 Gerry Cooney, KO 10 Michael Moorer
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Tremendous puncher, arguably the most fearsome in heavyweight history in his prime ... Had two distinct careers; won the heavyweight title in each, the second time at age 45 ... In later career, extremely durable, savvy tactician.

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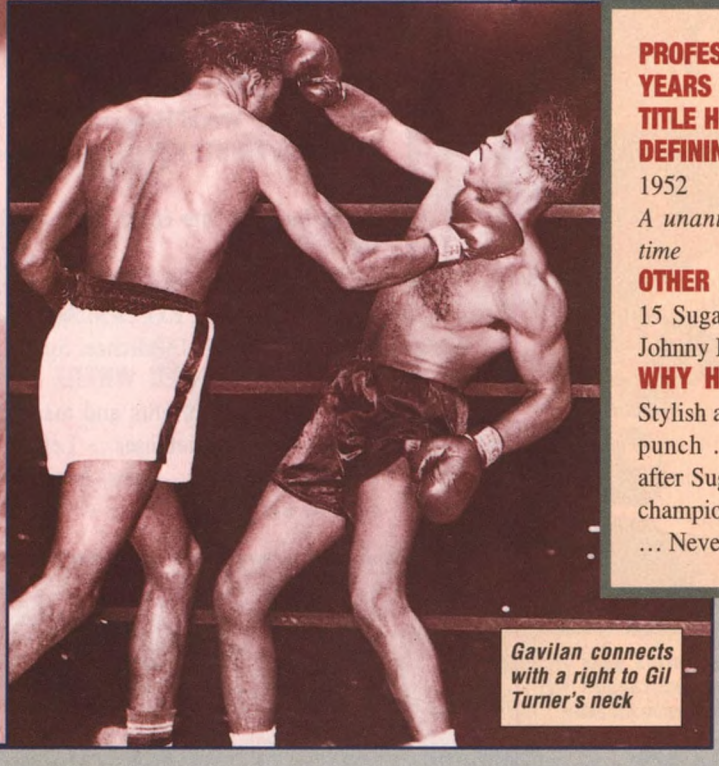

Gavilan connects with a right to Gil Turner's neck

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 107-30-6 (28)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1943-1958
TITLE HELD: World Welterweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Billy Graham, October 5, 1952
A unanimous decision with no controversy this time
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Ike Williams, L 15 Sugar Ray Robinson, W 10 Beau Jack, W 15 Johnny Bratton, W 15 Carmen Basilio
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Stylish and colorful performer, famous for the bolo punch … Took over the welterweight division after Sugar Ray Robinson departed and reigned as champion for three years, making seven defenses … Never stopped in 143 pro bouts.

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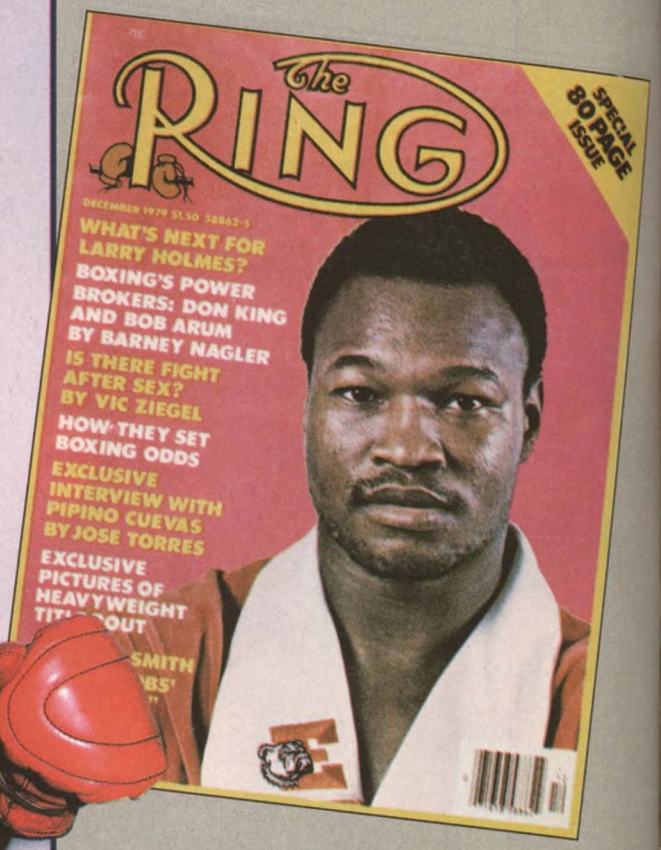

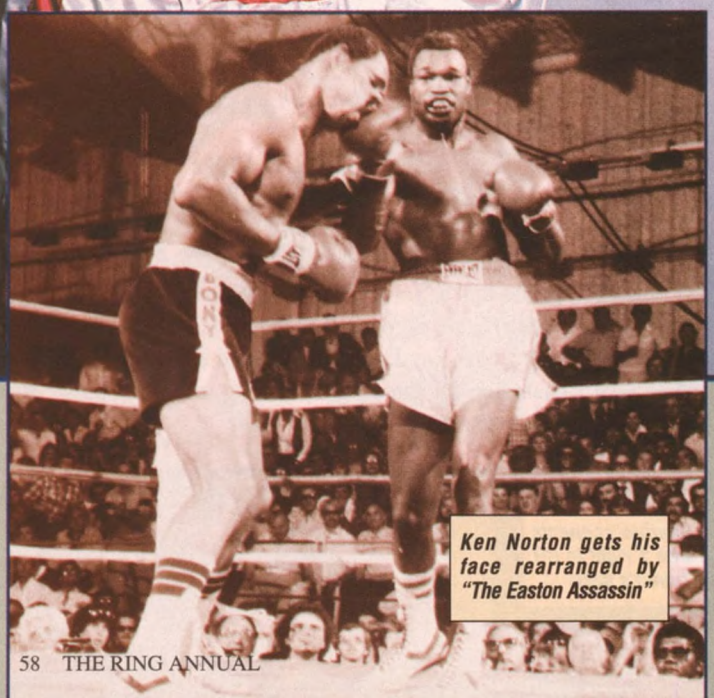

Ken Norton gets his face rearranged by "The Easton Assassin"

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 68-4 (44)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1973-present
TITLE HELD: World Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 13 Gerry Cooney, June 11, 1982
Turns back "White Hope" in eagerly anticipated title bout
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 15 Ken Norton, KO 11 Earnie Shavers, KO 11 Muhammad Ali, KO 11 Renaldo Snipes, L 15 Michael Spinks
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Won first 48 pro fights and made 20 successful heavyweight title defenses … Left jab ranks as one of boxing's best … Knew how to climb off the floor to win.

28 MICKEY WALKER

Walker rocks Jack Willis with a right hand

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 93-19-4 (60) with 46 no-decisions and 1 no-contest

YEARS FOUGHT: 1919-1935

TITLES HELD: World Welterweight, World Middleweight

DEFINING FIGHT: D 15 Jack Sharkey, July 22, 1931

Gives away 30 pounds to the future heavyweight champ

OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 15 Jack Britton, W 10 Lew Tendler, L 15 Harry Greb, W 10 Tiger Flowers, L 10 Tommy Loughran

WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: A classic brawler who made his reputation fighting much bigger men … Lost in two attempts to win the light heavyweight crown, but beat 175-pound champs Paul Berlenbach and Mike McTigue in non-title fights … Also topped heavyweight contenders King Levinsky and Paulino Uzcudun.

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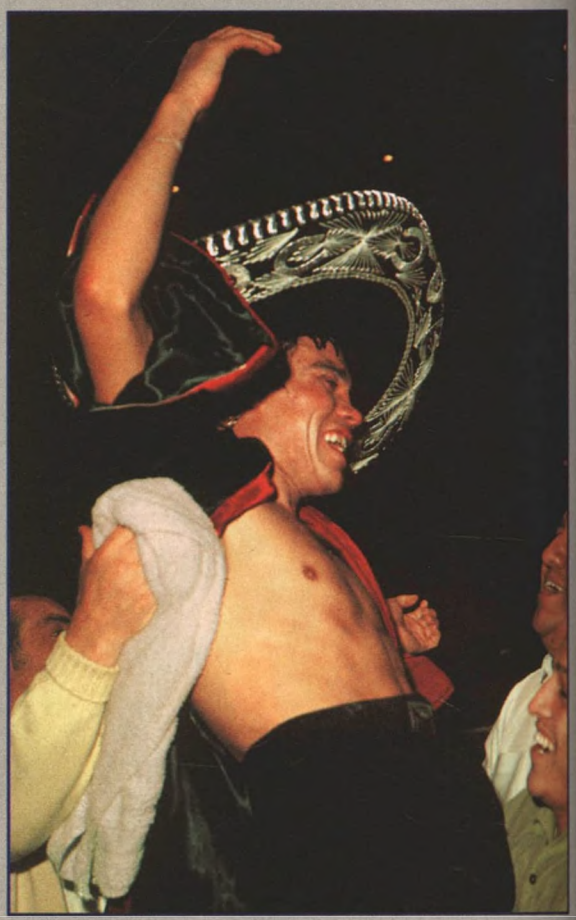

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 88-13-3 (78)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1965-1988
TITLES HELD: World Bantamweight, WBA Featherweight, WBC Featherweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 2 Bobby Chacon, June 20, 1975
Wins featherweight title for second time
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 5 Lionel Rose, W 15 Chucho Castillo, KO 11 Jesus Pimentel, W 12 Art Hafey, KO by 13 Alexis Arguello
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Nicknamed "Rockabye Ruben" for his ability to put his opponents to sleep … Weapon of choice was the deadly left hook … Action-packed three-bout series with Bobby Chacon and Chucho Castillo were classics.

Olivares successfully defends the bantam title against Jesus Pimentel

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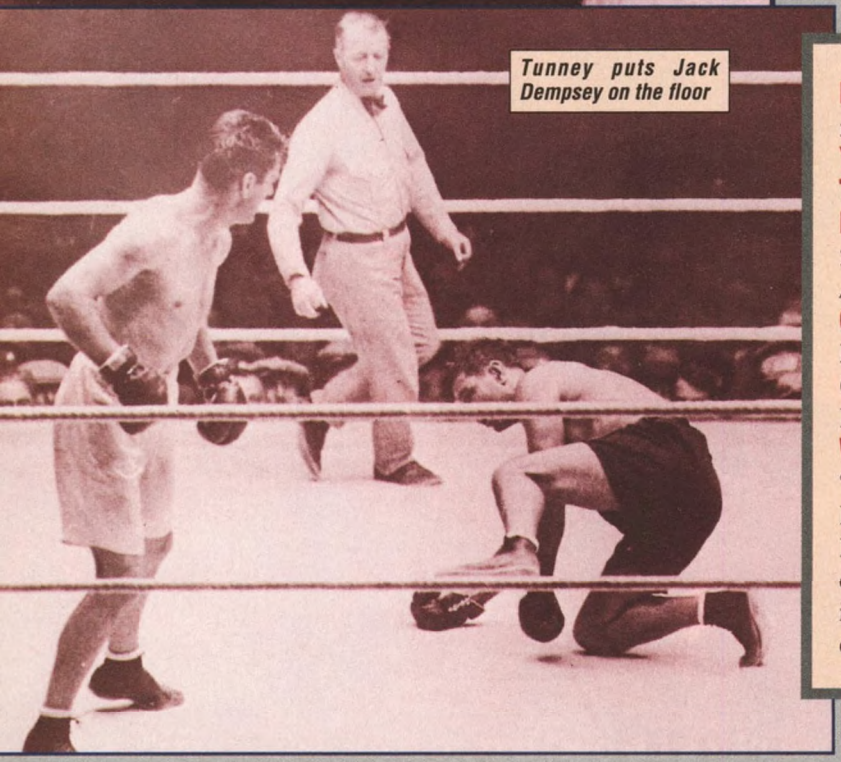


Tunney puts Jack Dempsey on the floor

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 65-1-1 (47) with 19 no-decisions and 1 no-contest

YEARS FOUGHT: 1915-1928

TITLE HELD: World Heavyweight

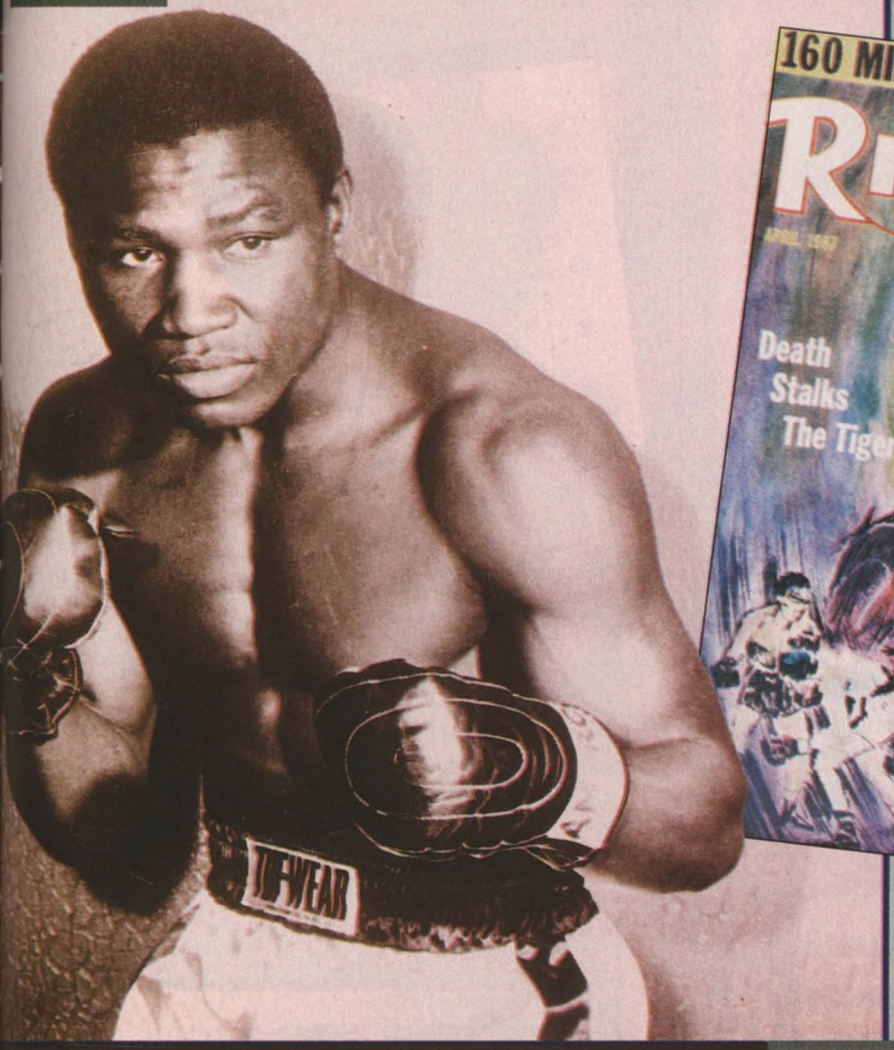
DEFINING FIGHT: W 10 Jack Dempsey, September 23, 1926

A boxing lesson tames the beast

OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 12 Battling Levinsky, W 15 Harry Greb, KO 15 Georges Carpentier, KO 12 Tommy Gibbons, W 10 Jack Dempsey (II)

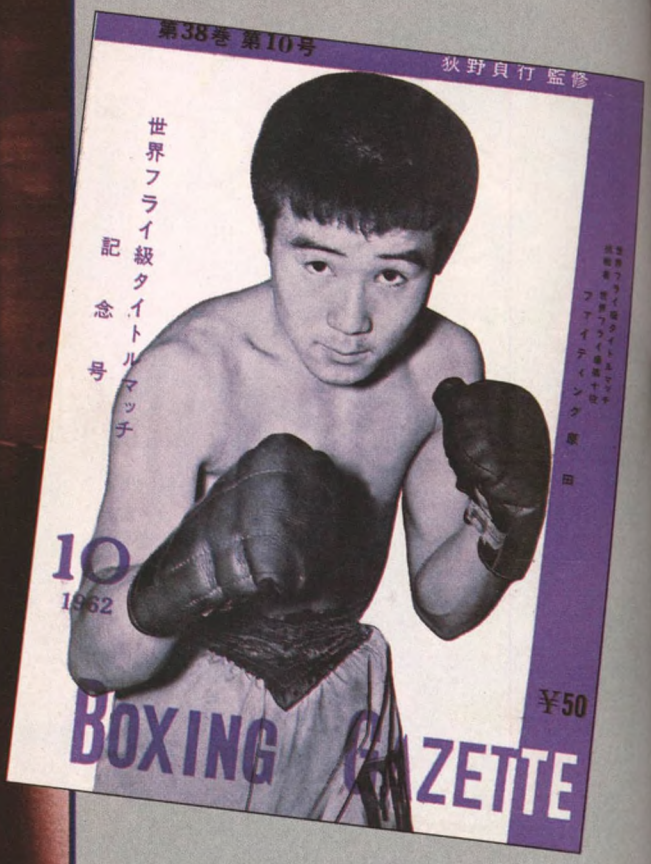
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: "The Fighting Marine" dethroned living legend Dempsey with precise and disciplined strategy ... Defined himself as one of the master boxers of his era ... Ledger as a light heavyweight equally impressive ... Might rank higher if he hadn't drawn the color line ... Retired still champion.

31 DICK TIGER



PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 61-17-3 (26)
Years Fought: 1952-1970
TITLES HELD: World Middleweight (twice), World Light Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Gene Fullmer, October 23, 1962
Toe-to-toe at ring center, Tiger earns his stripes
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 7 Gene Fullmer, W 10 Hurricane Carter, W 15 Joey Giardello, W 15 Jose Torres, W 10 Nino Benvenuti
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: One of only two men to win undisputed world titles at 160 and 175 (Bob Fitzsimmons was the other) … Beat four Hall of Famers … Also won Nigerian and British Empire titles … Stopped only once in 81 pro outings.

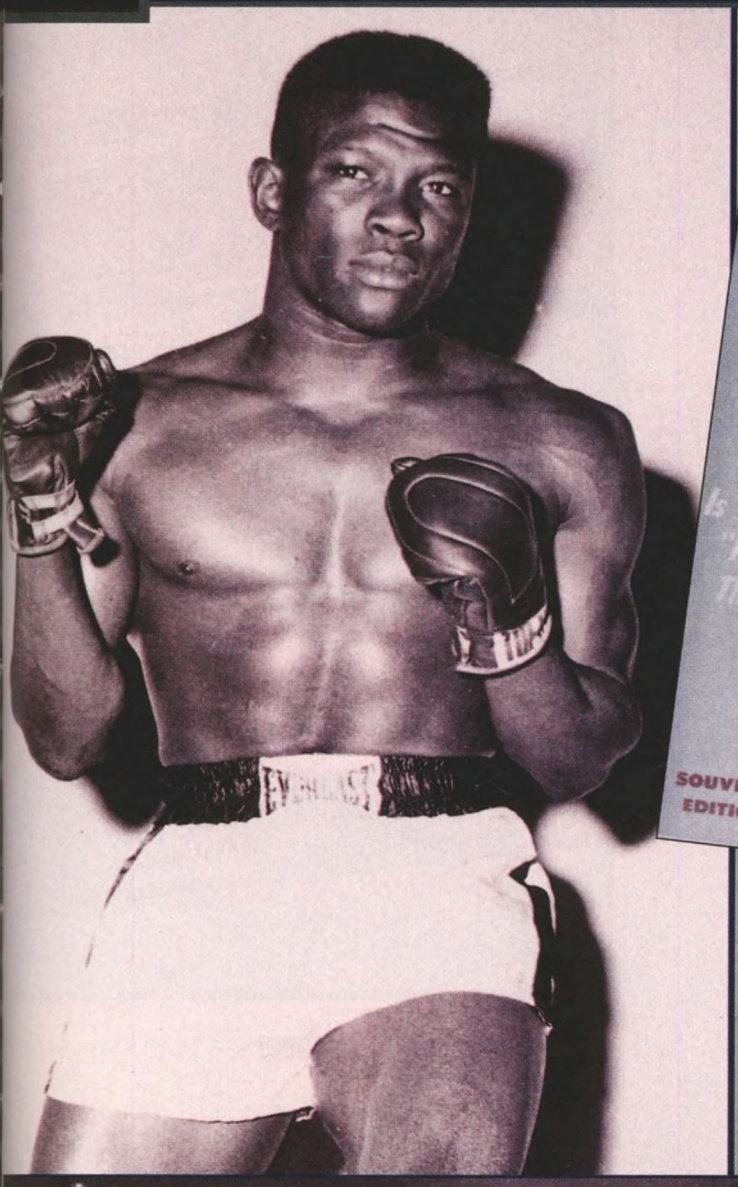
32 FIGHTING HARADA

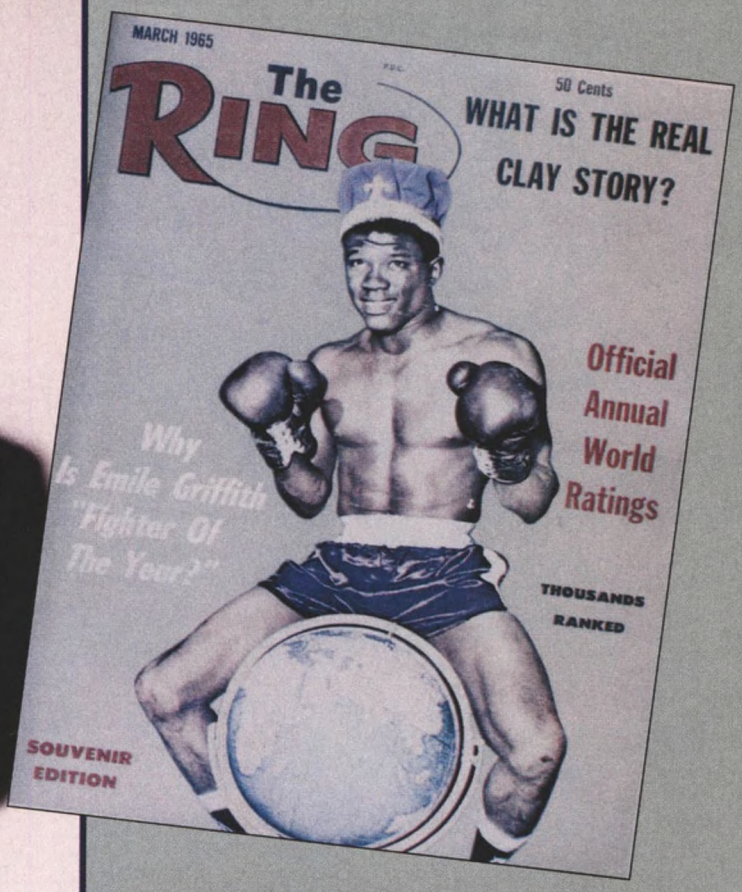


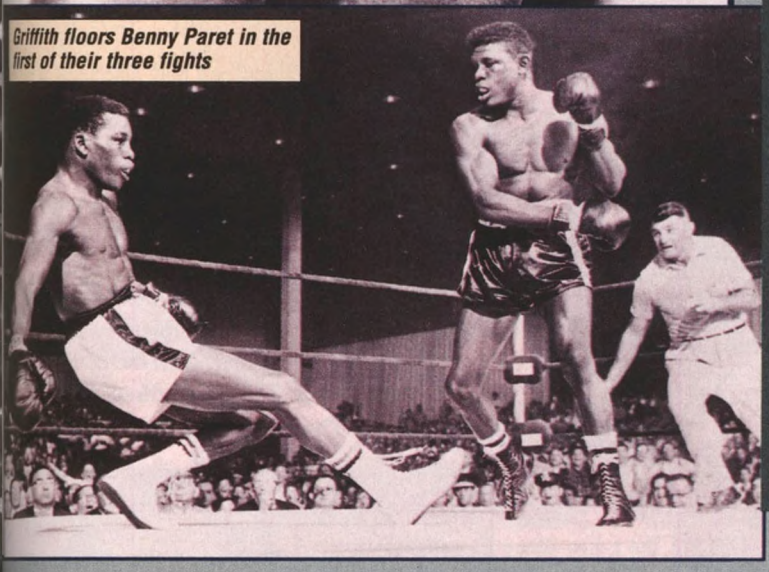
Harada rattles Antonio Herrera with a right

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 55-7 (22)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1960-1970
TITLES HELD: World Flyweight, World Bantamweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Eder Jofre, May 17, 1965
Wins title and hands Jofre first career loss
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 11 Pone Kingpetch, W 15 Alan Rudkin, W 15 Eder Jofre (II), W 15 Jose Medel, L 15 Johnny Famechon
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Upset Kingpetch to become flyweight champion at age 19 ... First Japanese fighter to win two world titles ... Nearly won a third, dropping featherweight champ Famechon three times in losing razor-close decision ... Only man to ever beat Jofre.

33 EMILE GRIFFITH







Griffith floors Benny Paret in the first of their three fights

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 85-24-2 (23) with 1 no-contest

YEARS FOUGHT: 1958-1977

TITLES HELD: World Welterweight (three times), World Middleweight (twice)

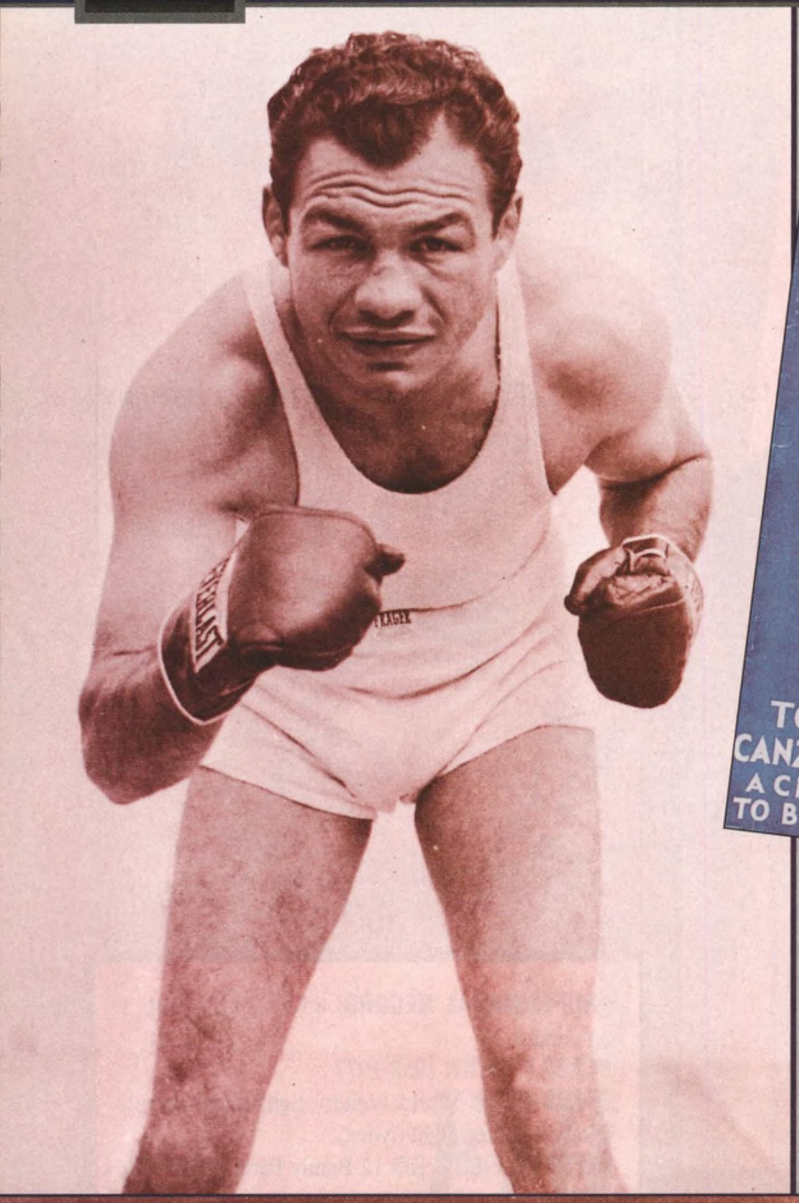
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 12 Benny Paret, March 24, 1962

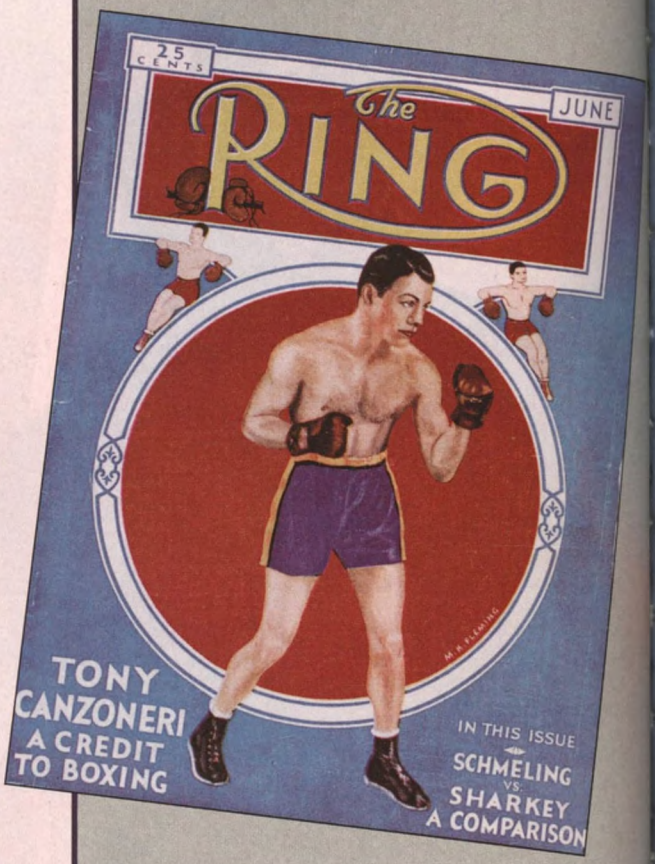
Tragic ending overshadows Griffith's performance in rubber match

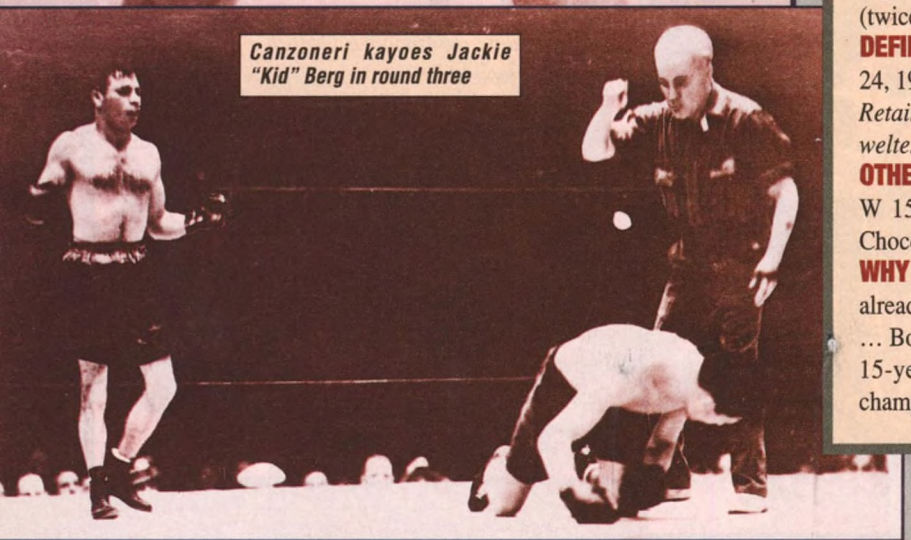
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 15 Luis Rodriguez, W 10 Dick Tiger, W 15 Joey Archer, W 15 Nino Benvenuti, W 12 Gypsy Joe Harris

WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Hall of Fame trainer Gil Clancy said, "Emile never did one thing great in the ring, but he did everything very well" … All-around fighter who paid particular attention to a debilitating body attack … Participated in 23 world title fights … Only Beau Jack has fought more main events at Madison Square Garden.

34 TONY CANZONERI







Canzoneri kayoes Jackie "Kid" Berg in round three

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 137-24-10 (44) with 4 no-decisions

YEARS FOUGHT: 1925-1939

TITLES HELD: World Featherweight, World Lightweight (twice), World Junior Welterweight (twice)

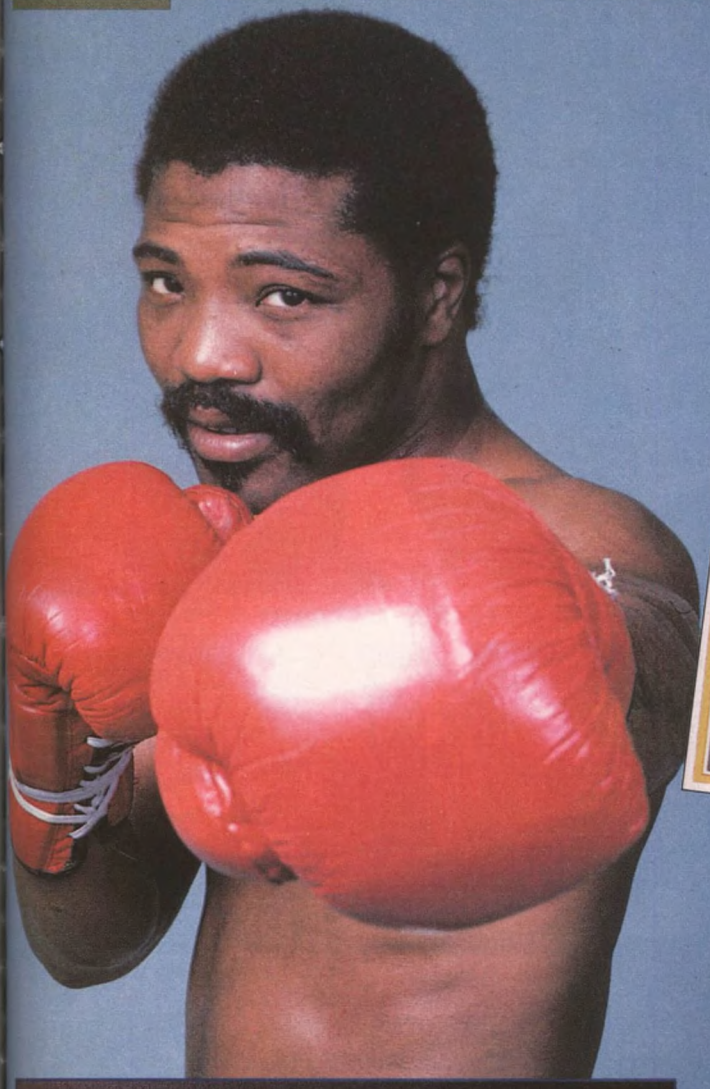
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 3 Jackie "Kid" Berg, April 24, 1931

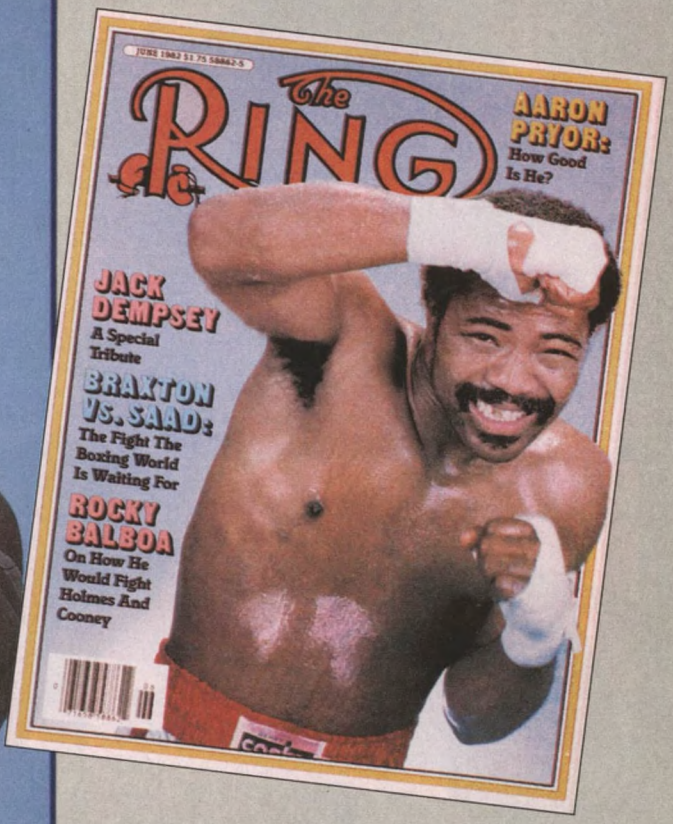
Retains lightweight crown and wins Berg's junior welter belt

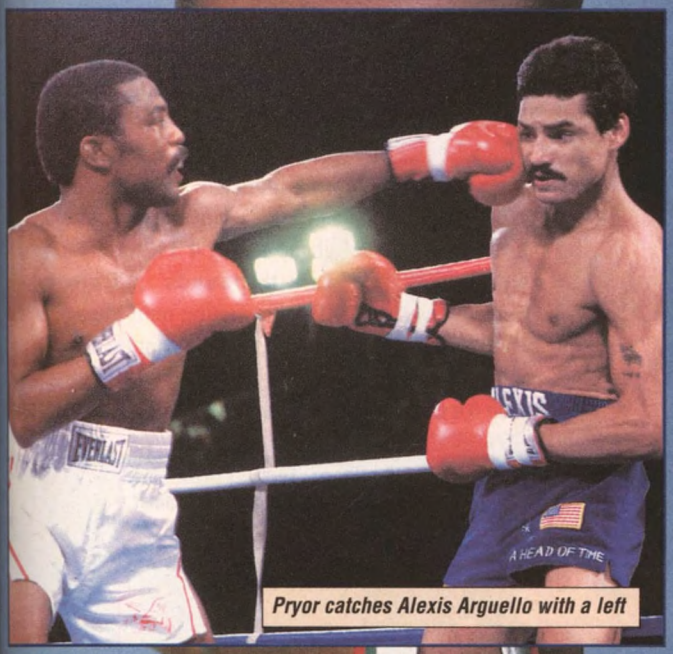
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 15 Johnny Dundee, W 15 Benny Bass, KO 1 Al Singer, W 15 Kid Chocolate, W 10 Jimmy McLarnin

WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Was already a two-division world champion by age 22 … Boxed 259 world-title rounds over the course of 15-year career … Boxing's third three-division champion.

35 AARON PRYOR



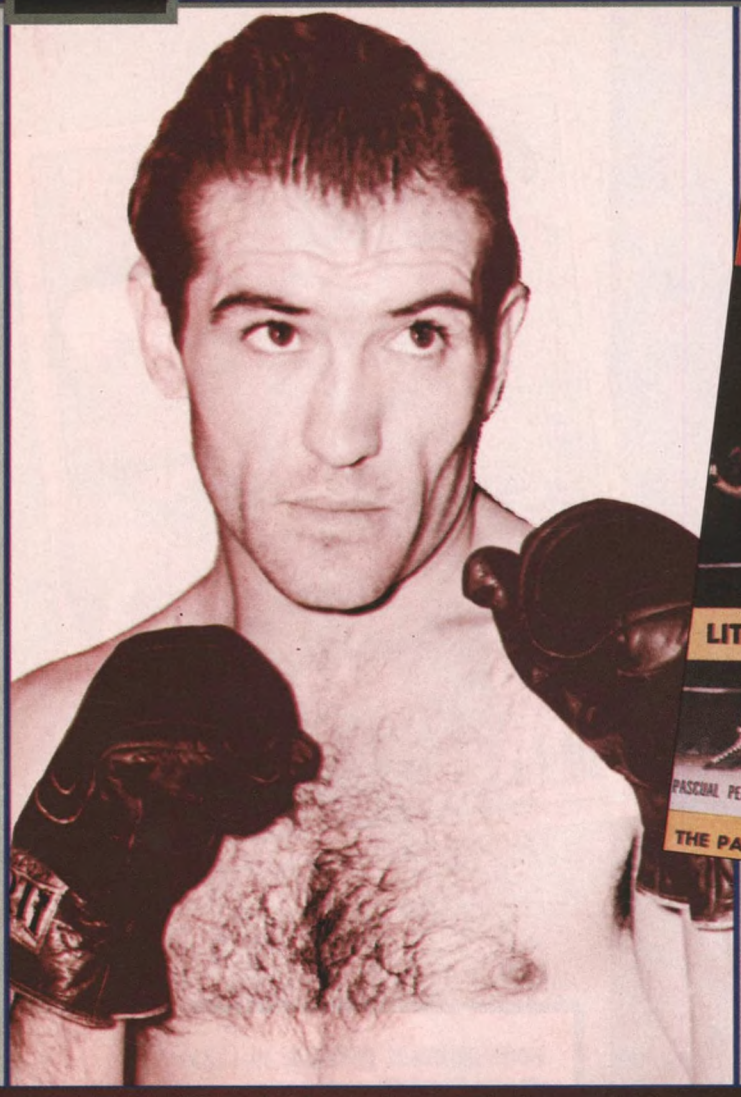


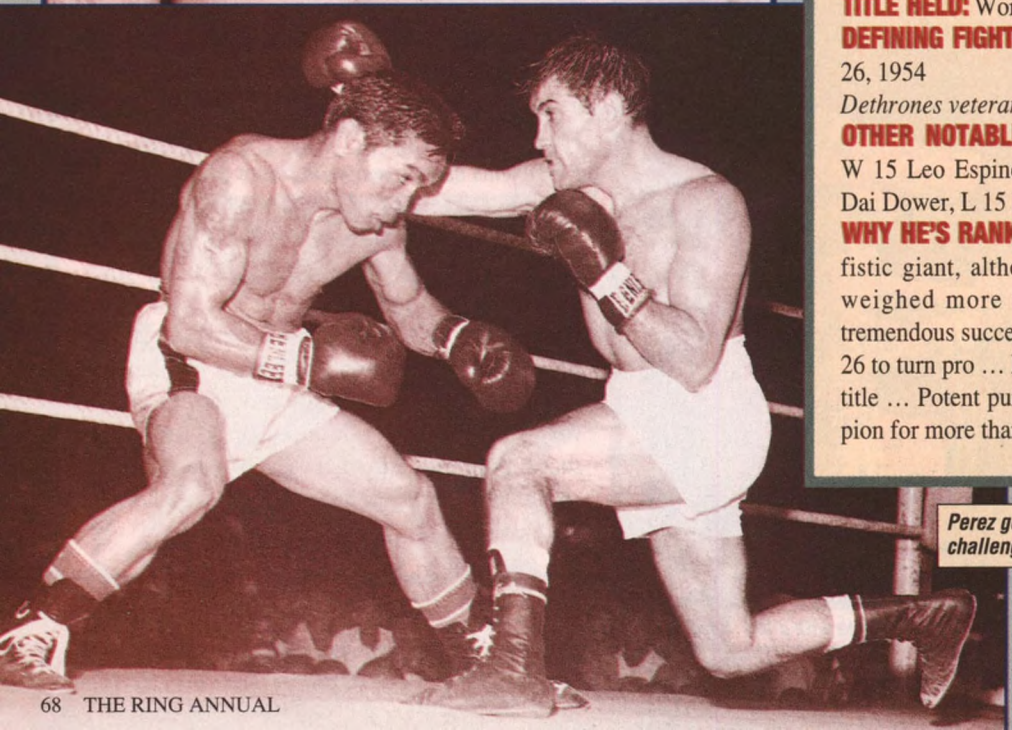


Pryor catches Alexis Arguello with a left

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 39-1 (35)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1976-1990
TITLES HELD: WBA Junior Welterweight, IBF Junior Welterweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 14 Alexis Arguello, November 12, 1982
Pryor wins classic war with fellow Hall of Famer
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 4 Antonio Cervantes, KO 6 Gaetan Hart, KO 12 Miguel Montilla, KO 10 Alexis Arguello, W 15 Gary Hinton
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Thrilling action fighter … Climbed off the canvas to knock out Cervantes and win the junior welterweight crown title in 1980 … Made eight successful WBA title defenses, all via knockout … Undefeated in prime … Career cut short by drug abuse.

36 PASCUAL PEREZ





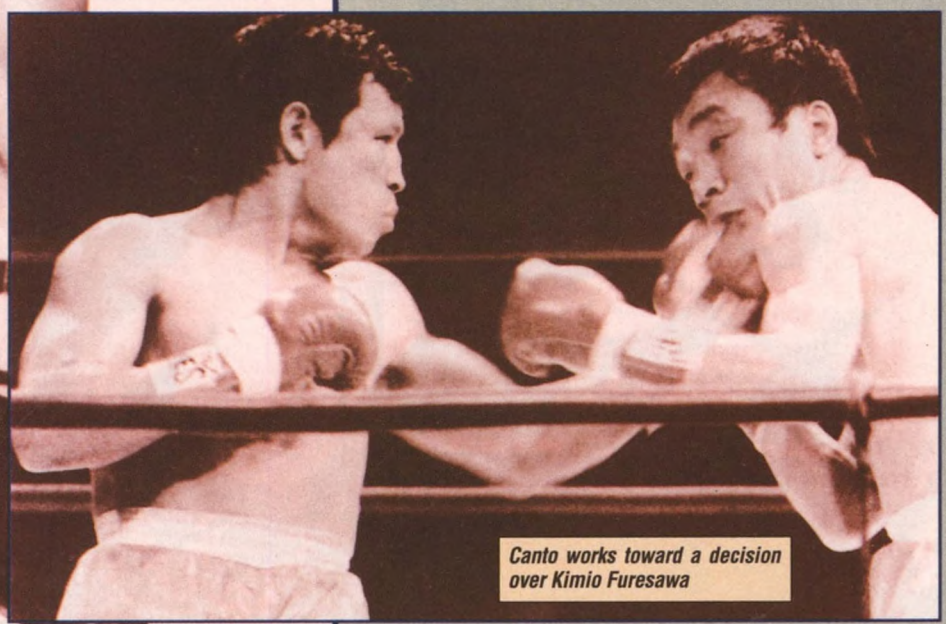
PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 84-7-1 (57)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1952-1964
TITLE HELD: World Flyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Yoshio Shirai, November 26, 1954
Dethrones veteran champ in his own backyard
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 5 Yoshio Shirai, W 15 Leo Espinosa, KO 11 Oscar Suarez, KO 1 Dai Dower, L 15 Pone Kingpetch
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Was fistic giant, although he stood 4'11" and rarely weighed more than 108 pounds ... Enjoyed tremendous success despite waiting until the age of 26 to turn pro ... First Argentine to capture a world title ... Potent puncher reigned as flyweight champion for more than five years.

Perez goes on the offense against challenger Dommy Ursua

37 MIGUEL CANTO

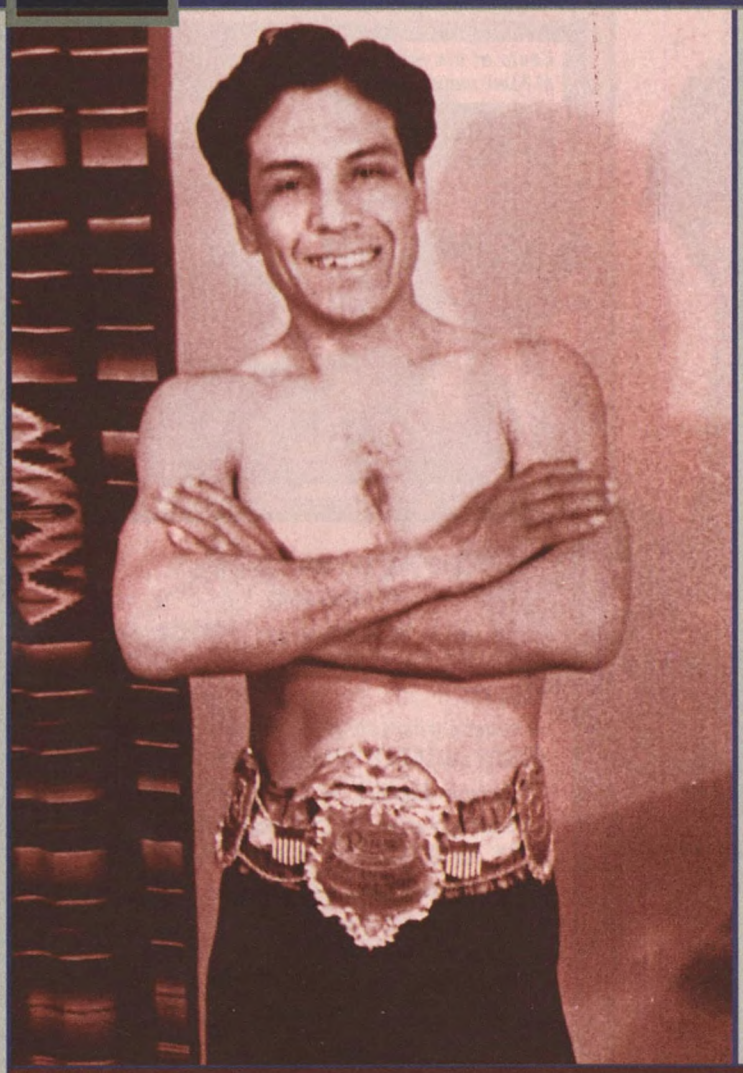
Canto at his Hall of Fame induction

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 61-9-4 (15)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1969-1982
TITLE HELD: WBC Flyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Betulio Gonzalez, May 24, 1975
Avenges earlier title-fight defeat
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 15 Shoji Oguma, W 15 Ignacio Espinal, W 15 Susumu Hannagata, W 15 Martin Vargas, W 15 Antonio Avelar
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Although not a big puncher, possessed speed, agility, and great stamina … Defensive wizard who patterned himself after Willie Pep … Made division-record 14 successful title defenses in less than four years … All but one of his title defenses lasted the 15-round distance.



Canto works toward a decision over Kimio Furesawa

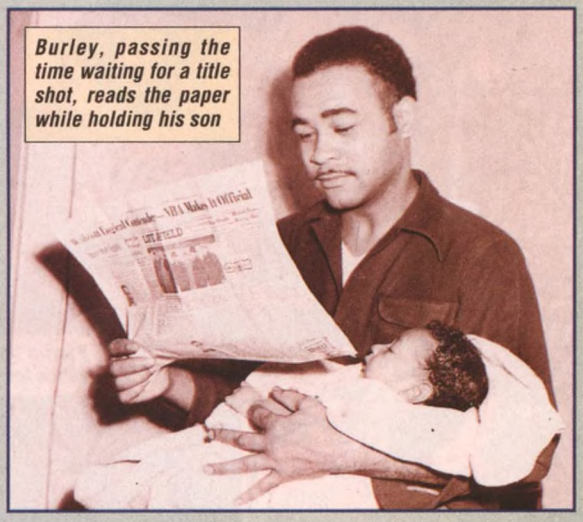
38 MANUEL ORTIZ



PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 96-28-3 (49)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1938-1955
TITLE HELD: World Bantamweight (twice)
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Harold Dade, March 11, 1947
Oritz reigns again after brief interruption by Dade
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 12 Lou Salica, L 10 Willie Pep, KO 6 Enrique Bolanos, W 15 Dado Marino, W 10 Laura Salas
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: All-action swarmer made 15 consecutive successful defenses (eight in '43), a division record until 1994 … Four more successful defenses in second reign … Stopped only once in 127 pro bouts.

Ortiz bloodies Dado Marino's mouth

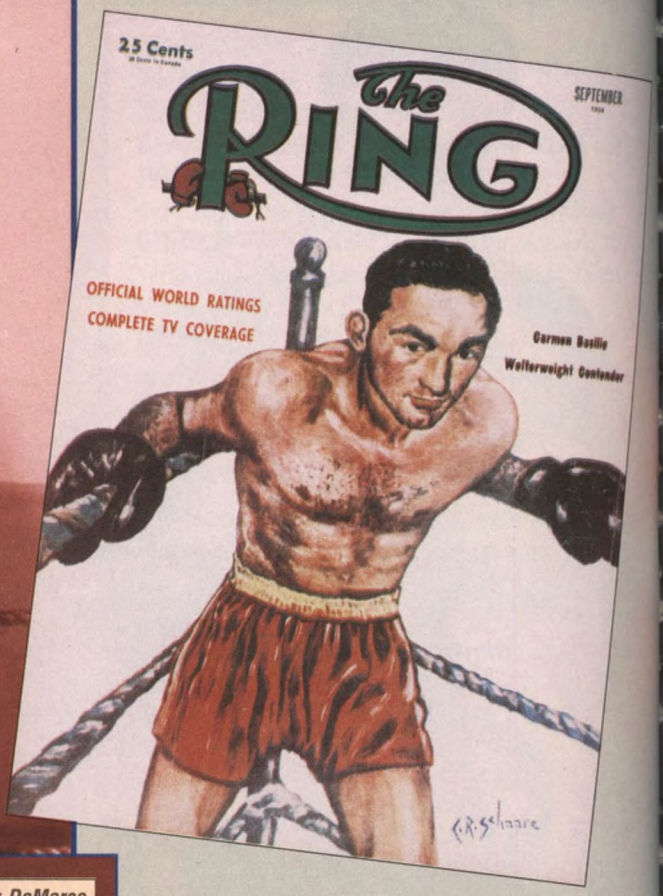
39 CHARLEY BURLEY

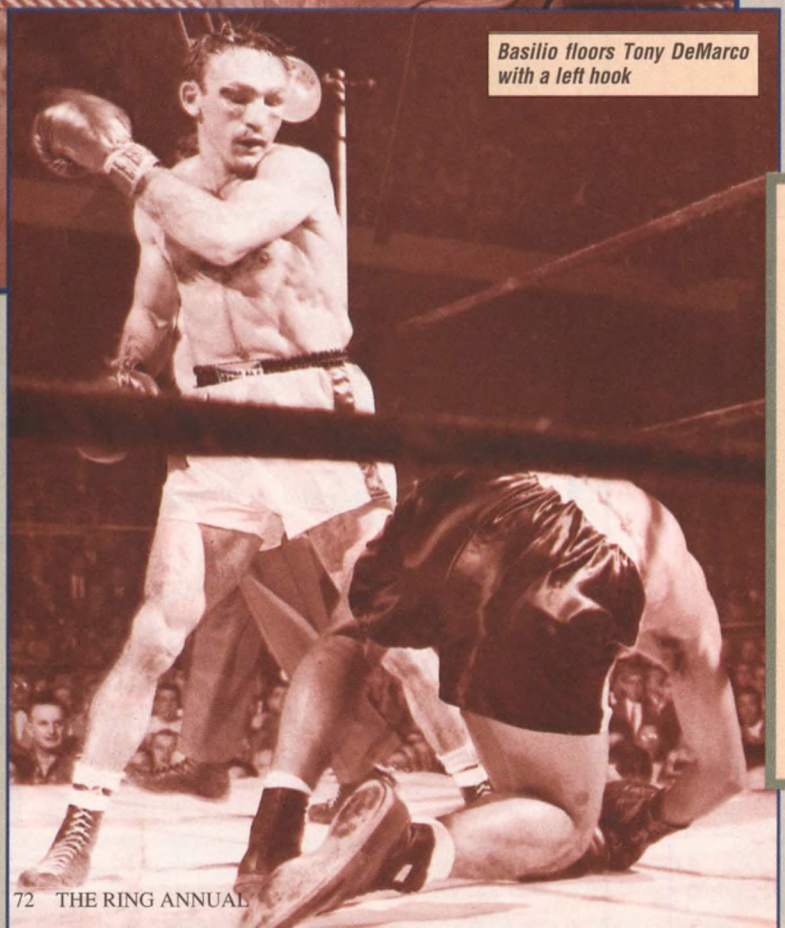


Burley, passing the time waiting for a title shot, reads the paper while holding his son

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 84-11-2 (50) with 1 no-contest
YEARS FOUGHT: 1936-1950
TITLE HELD: None
DEFINING FIGHT: W 10 Fritzie Zivic, July 17, 1939
Few white fighters would meet him after second win against Zivic
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Billy Soose, L 10 Jimmy Bivins, W 10 Holman Williams, L 10 Ezzard Charles, W 10 Archie Moore
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Hall of Fame trainer Eddie Futch called the only non-champion on the list the greatest fighter he'd ever seen … Heavy-handed, slick middleweight who regularly beat light heavyweights.

40 CARMEN BASILIO

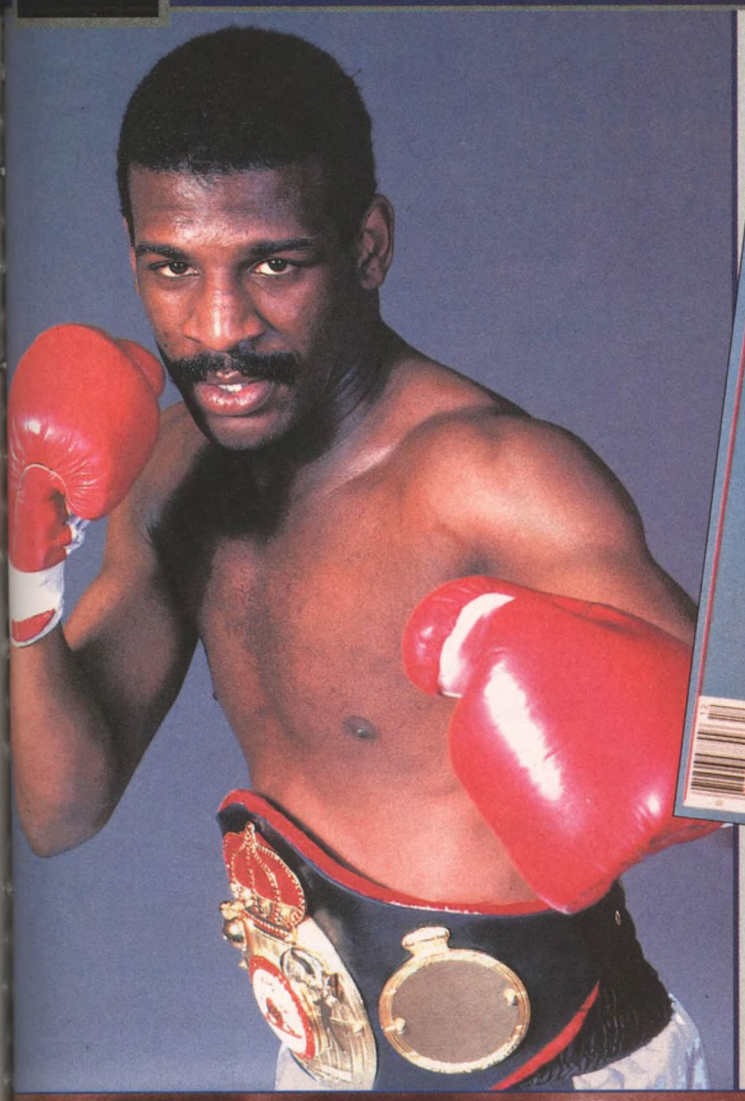


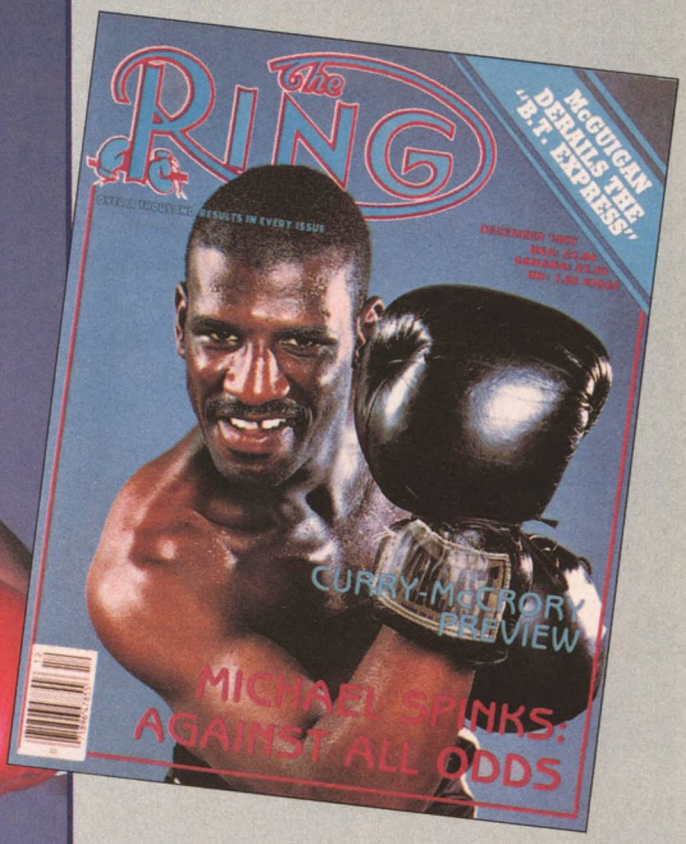


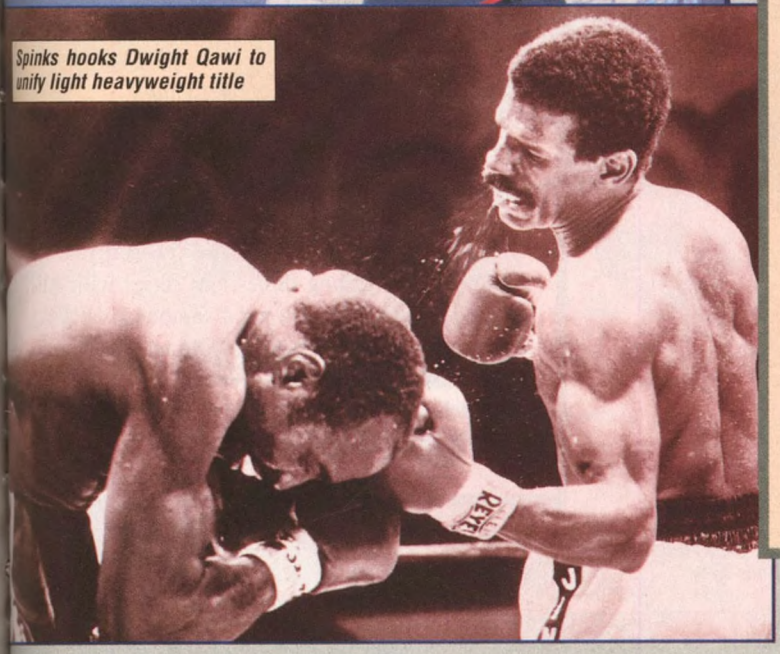
Basilio floors Tony DeMarco with a left hook

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 56-16-7 (27)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1948-1961
TITLES HELD: World Welterweight (twice), World Middleweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Sugar Ray Robinson, September 23, 1957
Reigning welterweight king moves up to capture middleweight throne
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Ike Williams, W 12 Billy Graham, KO 12 Tony DeMarco, W 10 Gil Turner, KO 9 Johnny Saxton
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Tremendous action fighter who was involved in THE RING's Fight of the Year in 1955, '56, '57, '58, and '59 … Able to take the middleweight title from Robinson while weighing only 153 pounds.

41 MICHAEL SPINKS



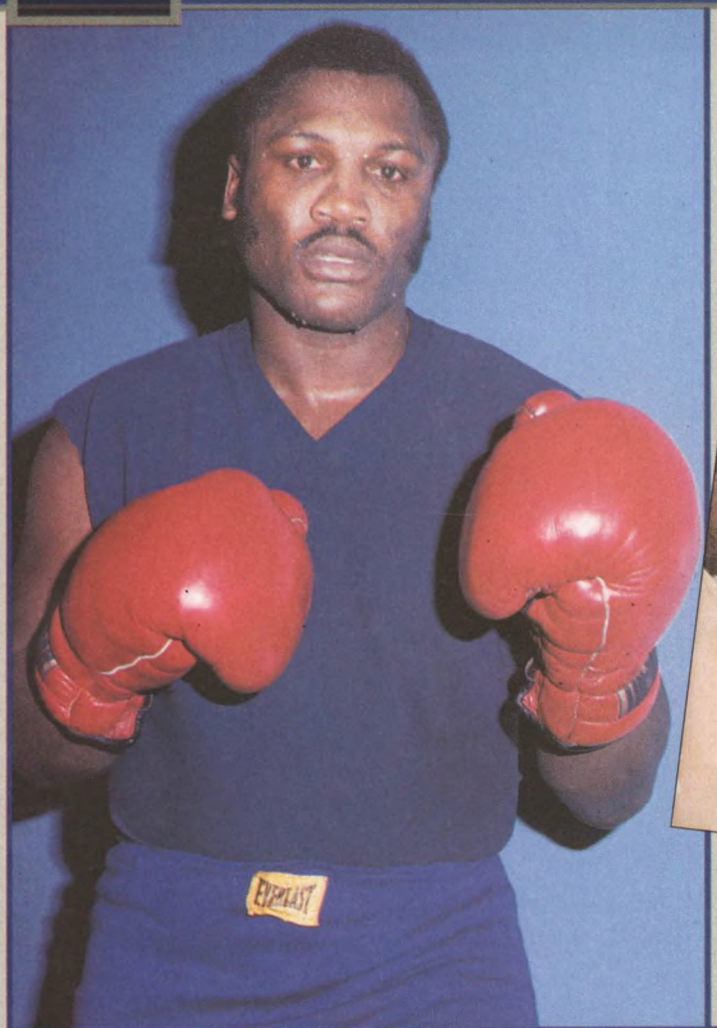


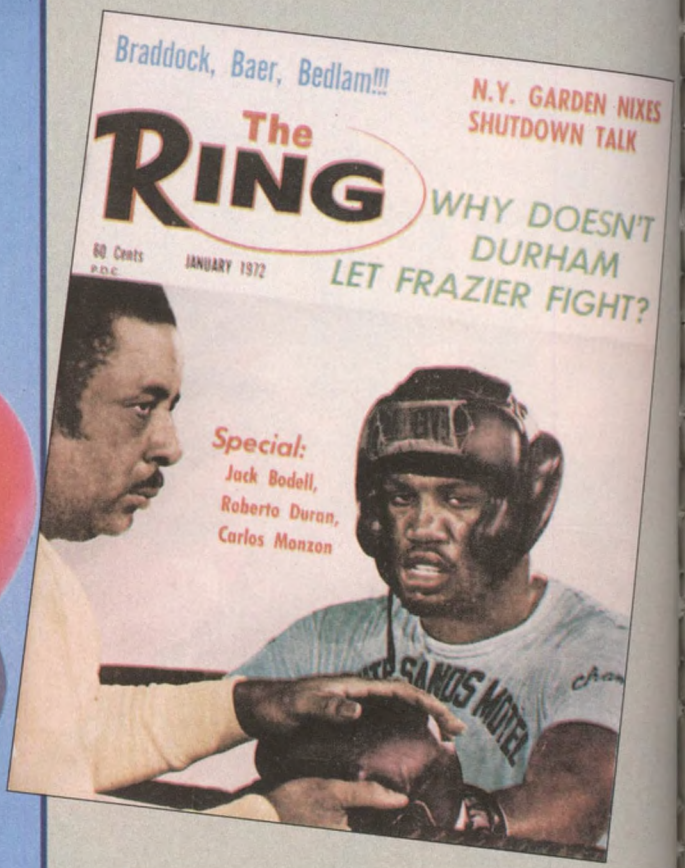


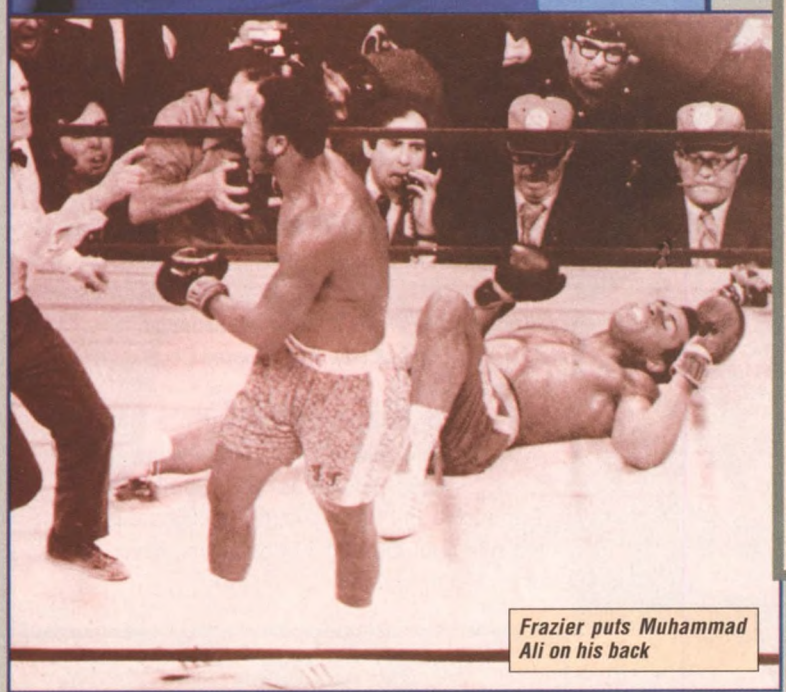
Spinks hooks Dwight Qawi to unify light heavyweight title

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 31-1 (21)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1977-1988
TITLES HELD: World Light Heavyweight, World Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 12 Larry Holmes, September 21, 1985
Becomes first and only light heavyweight champion to win heavyweight crown
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 15 Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, W 15 Dwight Muhammad Qawi, W 15 Larry Holmes (II), KO 5 Gerry Cooney, KO by 1 Mike Tyson
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Won Olympic gold in 1976 … Paralyzing power in his right hand, known as "The Spinks Jinx" … Dominated light heavyweight division during an era ripe with talented 175-pounders, never losing at the weight.

42 JOE FRAZIER





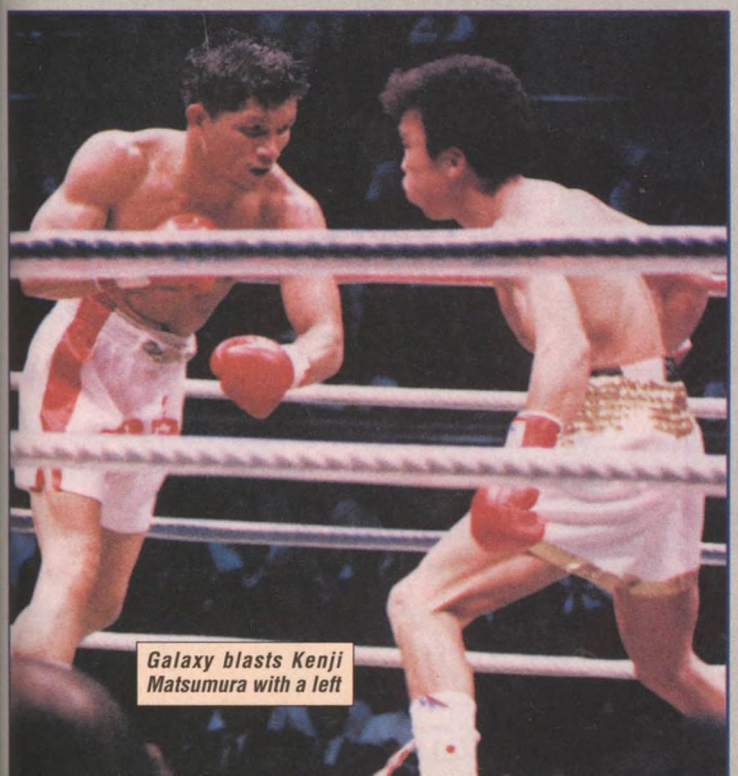


Frazier puts Muhammad Ali on his back

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 32-4-1 (27)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1965-1981
TITLES HELD: World Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Muhammad Ali, March 8, 1971
Clear winner in the Fight of the Century
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 11 Buster Mathis, KO 7 Jerry Quarry, KO 5 Jimmy Ellis, KO by 2 George Foreman, KO by 14 Muhammad Ali
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Gold medalist at the 1964 Olympics ... Competed in thrilling three-fight series with Ali, helping create boxing's most famous rivalry ... Employed famous left hook against the best in what most consider the greatest era in heavyweight history ... A pressure fighter who rarely took a backward step in a fight.

43 KHAOSAI GALAXY

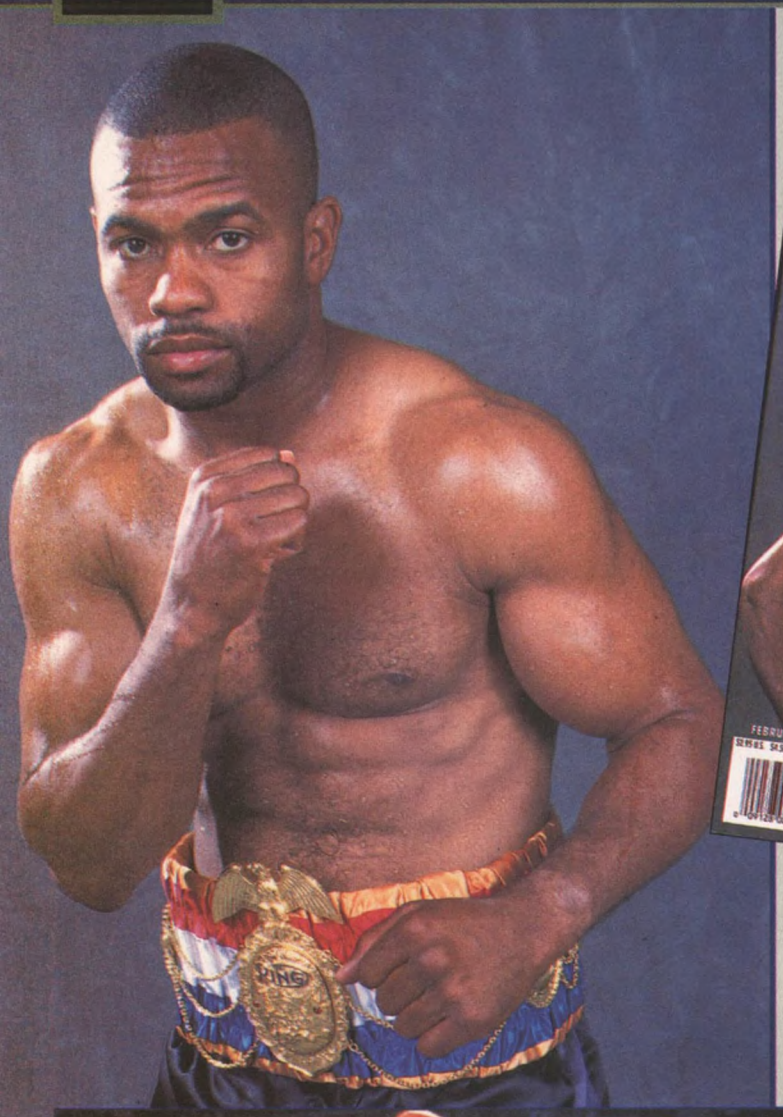
PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 49-1 (43)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1980-1991
TITLE HELD: WBA Junior Bantamweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 12 Armando Castro, December 21, 1991
Scores his division-record 19th successful title defense before retiring on top
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 6 Sakda Saksuree, KO 6 Eusebio Espinal, KO 12 Kenji Matsumura, KO 5 Cobra Ari Blanca, KO 5 David Griman
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: A resilient fighter who rose from knockdowns to score knockouts ... Known as "The Thai Tyson" because of his devastating punching power ... Avenged only career loss (which came in seventh pro fight, to Sakda Saksuree) with a knockout ... Reign spanned more than seven years ... Only junior bantam titleholder inducted into Hall of Fame.

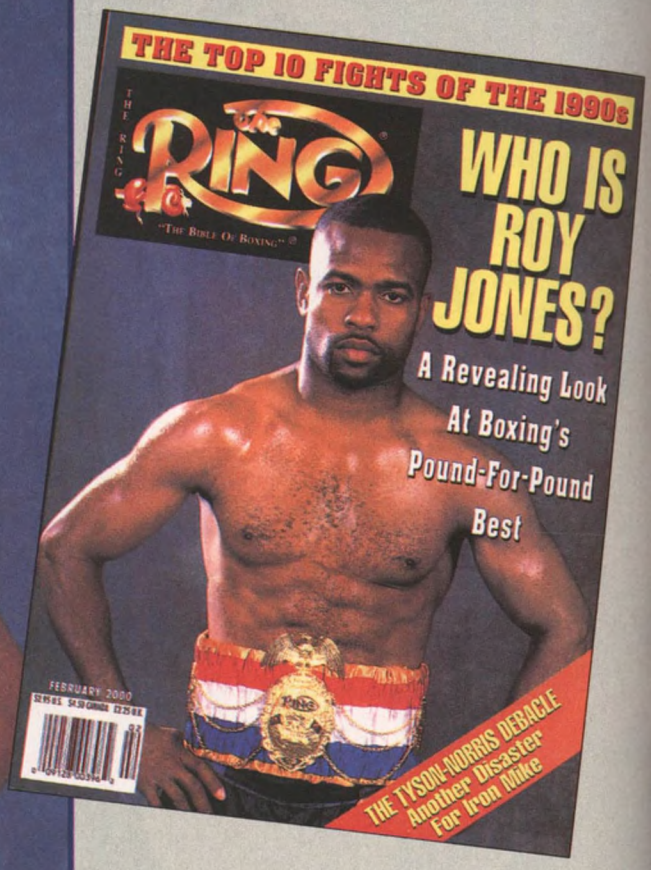


Galaxy blasts Kenji Matsumura with a left

Galaxy and his memorabilia at the Hall of Fame

44 ROY JONES





Jones cracks Virgil Hill

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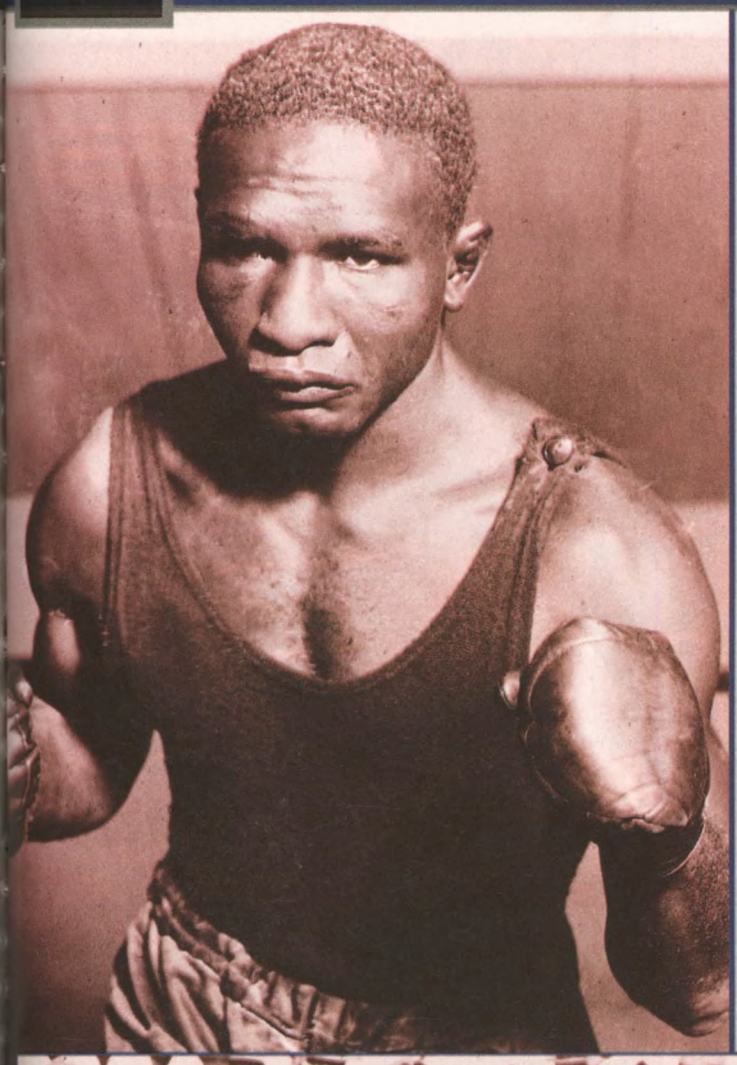
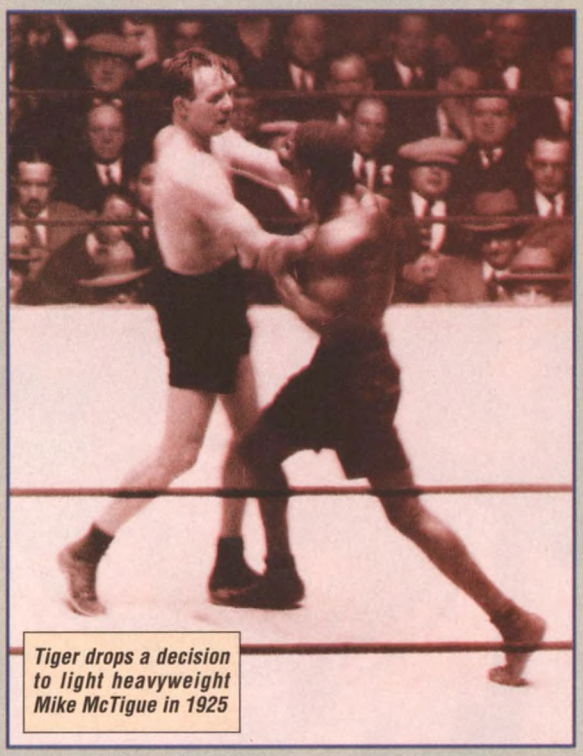
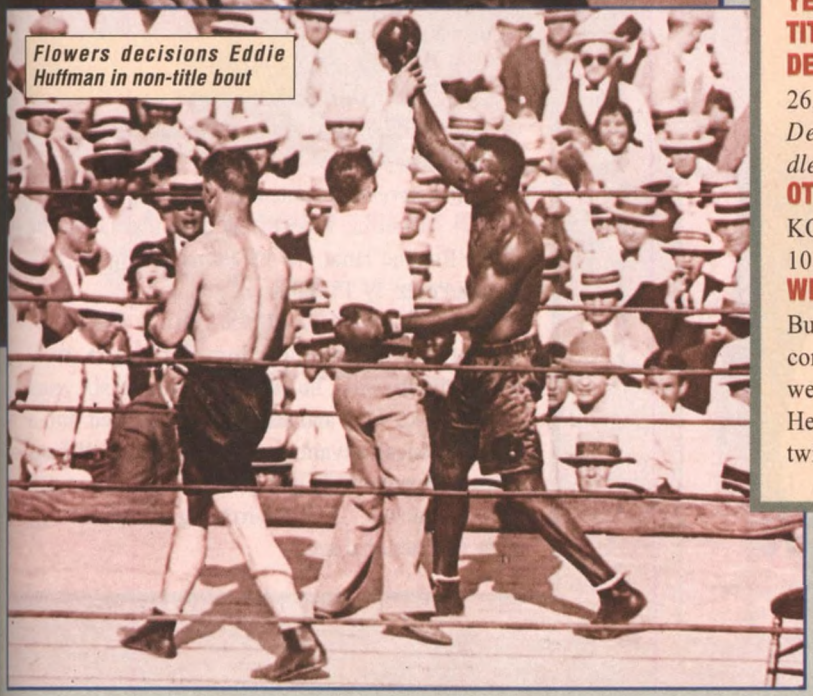
PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 46-1 (37)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1989-present
TITLES HELD: IBF Middleweight, IBF Super Middleweight, World Light Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 12 James Toney, November 18, 1994
Moves up and easily handles boxing's reigning bad boy
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 12 Bernard Hopkins, W 12 Mike McCallum, L Disq. 9 Montell Griffin, KO 1 Montell Griffin, W 12 Reggie Johnson
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Robbed of a gold medal at 1988 Olympics, but still named Games' outstanding boxer … Amazing hand and foot speed … Dominated three divisions … Lack of competitive matches hurts legacy.

45 TIGER FLOWERS





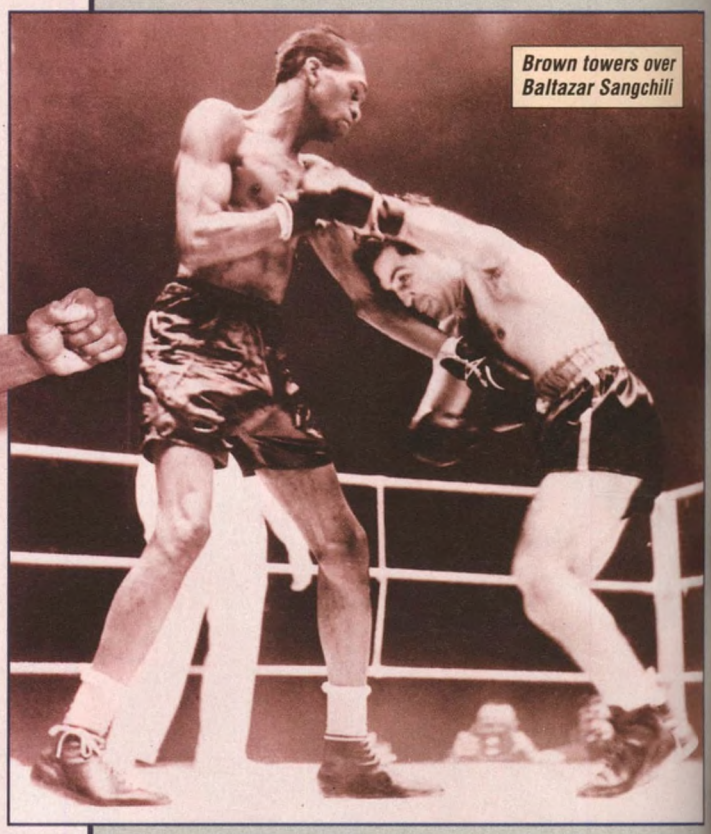
Tiger drops a decision to light heavyweight Mike McTigue in 1925



Flowers decisions Eddie Huffman in non-title bout

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 119-13-7 (52) with 21 no-decisions and 1 no-contest
YEARS FOUGHT: 1918-1927
TITLE HELD: World Middleweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Harry Greb, February 26, 1926
Dethrones legend to become first black middleweight champ
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 4 Gorilla Jones, KO by 2 Sam Langford, W 10 Jamaica Kid, L 10 Mickey Walker, D 10 Maxie Rosenbloom
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Built foundation for greatness early in career by competing against other tough black fighters who were shunned by white promoters and fighters … He and Gene Tunney are only two to defeat Greb twice … Title loss to Walker a robbery.

46 PANAMA AL BROWN

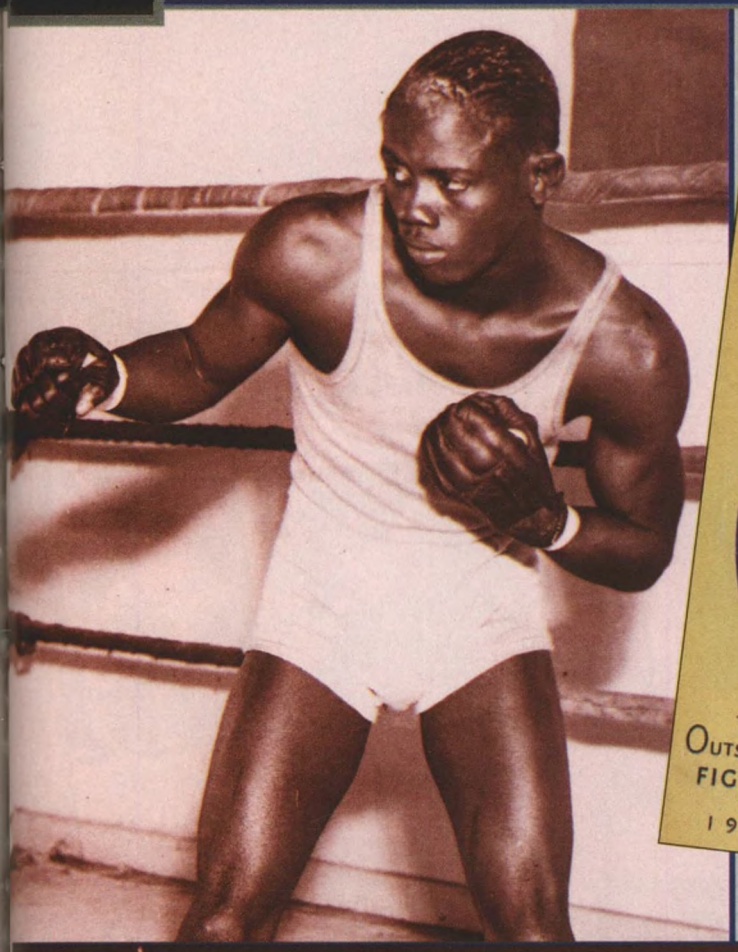


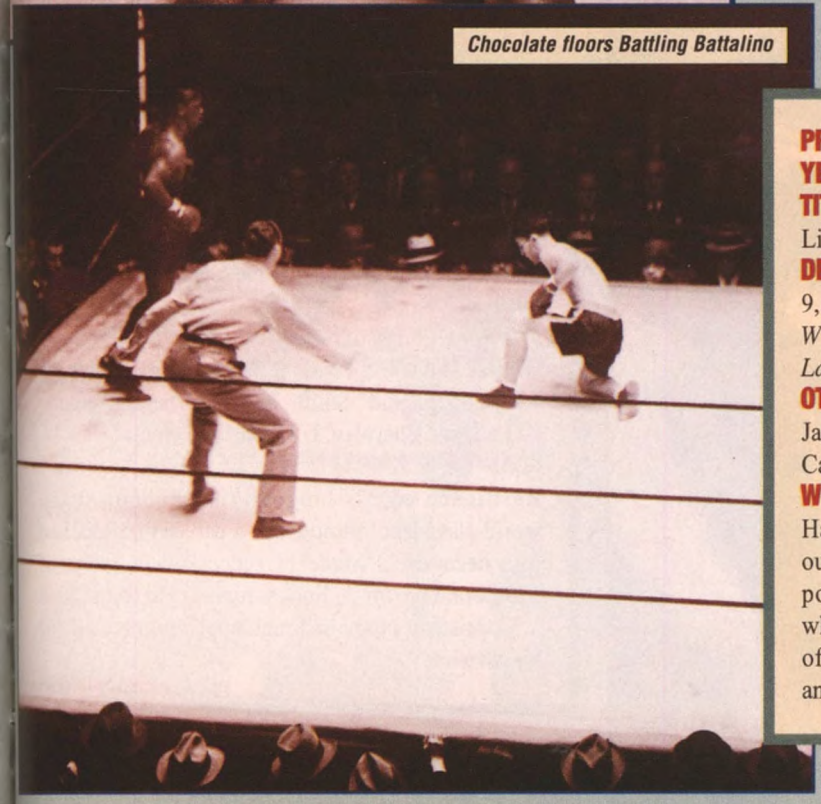
Brown towers over Baltazar Sangchili

Brown was also an expert equestrian

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 128-19-11 (58) with 4 no-decisions
YEARS FOUGHT: 1922-1942
TITLE HELD: World Bantamweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Pete Sanstol, August 15, 1931
Outpoints perennial contender
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 15 Vidal Gregorio, W 15 Eugene Huat, W 15 Johnny King, KO 10 Young Perez, W 15 Baltazar Sangchilli
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Versatile Panamanian dominated the bantamweight division, holding onto title for six years … Height (5'11") and reach (79") afforded him a great physical advantage over virtually all bantamweight opponents and gave him great leverage on his punches … Globe-trotting champion was early international star.

47 KID CHOCOLATE

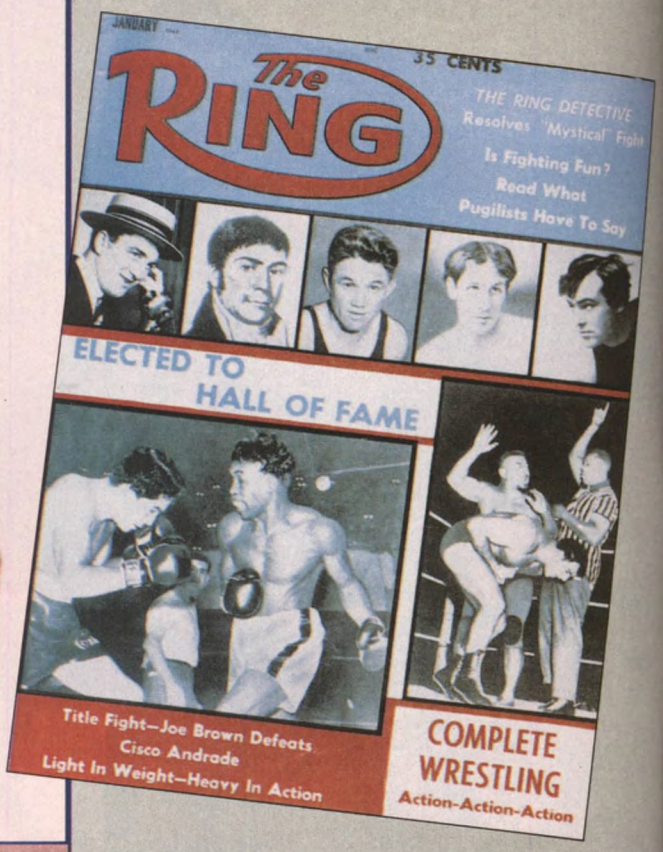




Chocolate floors Battling Battalino

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 135-9-6 (51)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1927-1938
TITLES HELD: World Featherweight, World Junior Lightweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Fidel LaBarba, December 9, 1932
Wins featherweight title in rubber match with LaBarba
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 12 Al Singer, L 10 Jackie "Kid" Berg, KO 7 Benny Bass, L 15 Tony Canzoneri, KO 12 Lew Feldman
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Hand speed and ring flair made him difficult to outbox and boosted popularity … Criticized for poor training habits, but always came to fight when it mattered most … Fought in era when some of the world's top fighters resided between 126 and 135 pounds.

48 JOE BROWN



Brown snaps a jab into Wallace "Bud" Smith's face

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 104-44-13 (47) with 1 no-contest

YEARS FOUGHT: 1946-1970

TITLE HELD: World Lightweight

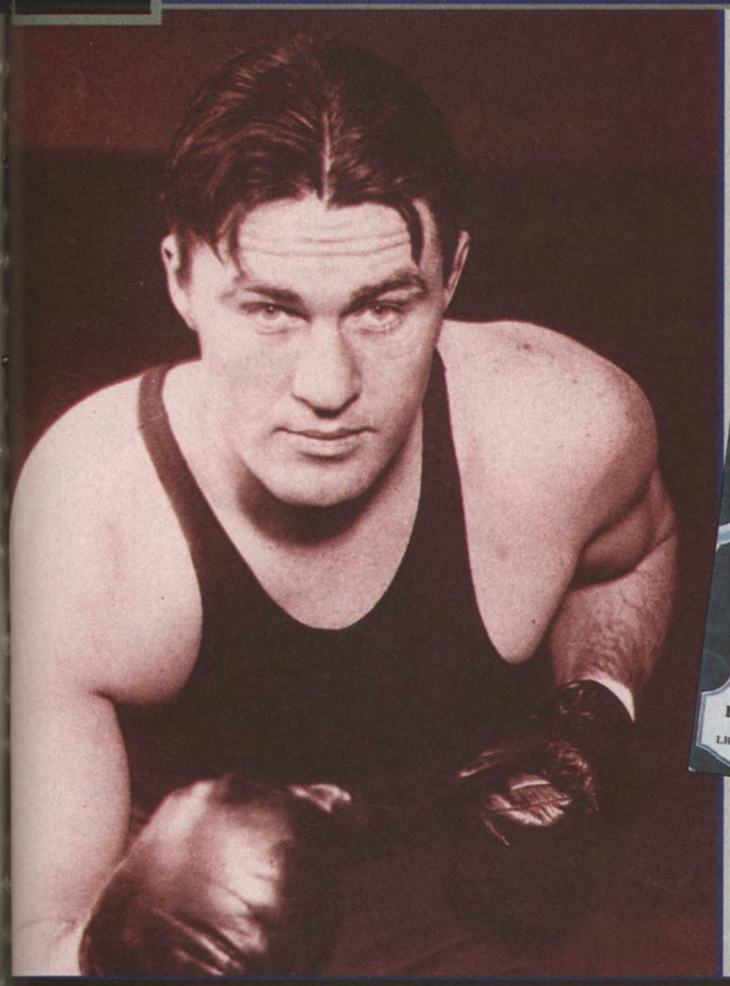
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Dave Charnley, April 18, 1961

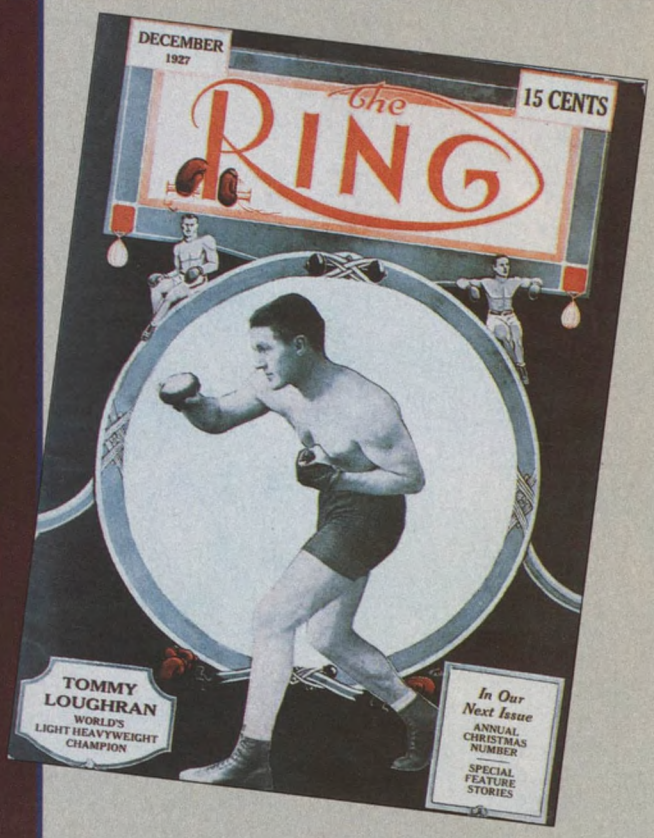
The Ring's Fight of the Year

OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Jimmy Carter, W 15 Wallace "Bud" Smith, KO 15 Orlando Zulueta, KO 6 Dave Charnley, L 15 Carlos Ortiz

WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Resilience equals longevity ... Fought at the world-class level throughout a career that touched four decades ... Made 11 successful defenses of 135-pound crown ... Fought nine world champions ... Consistently took on tough opposition outside of his division.

49 TOMMY LOUGHRAN





Loughran outpoints heavyweight Ernie Schaaf in 1931

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 96-24-9 (18) with 45 no-decisions and 1 no-contest

YEARS FOUGHT: 1919-1937

TITLE HELD: World Light Heavyweight

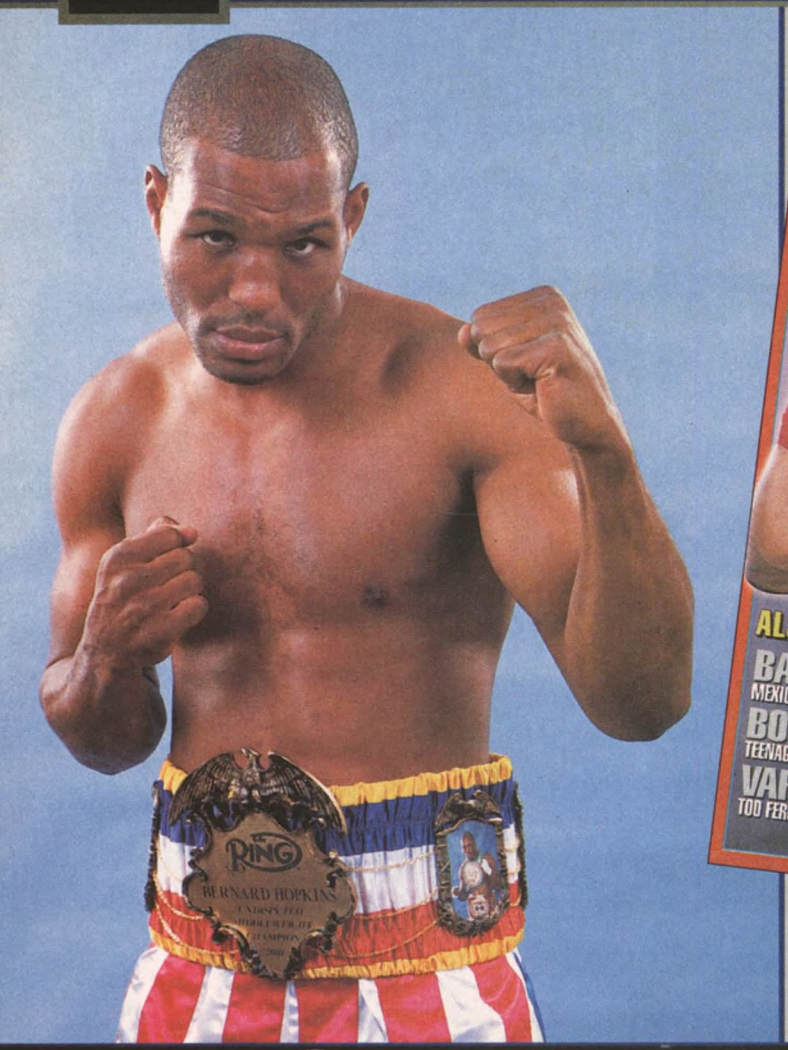
DEFINING FIGHT: W 10 Harry Greb, October 11, 1923

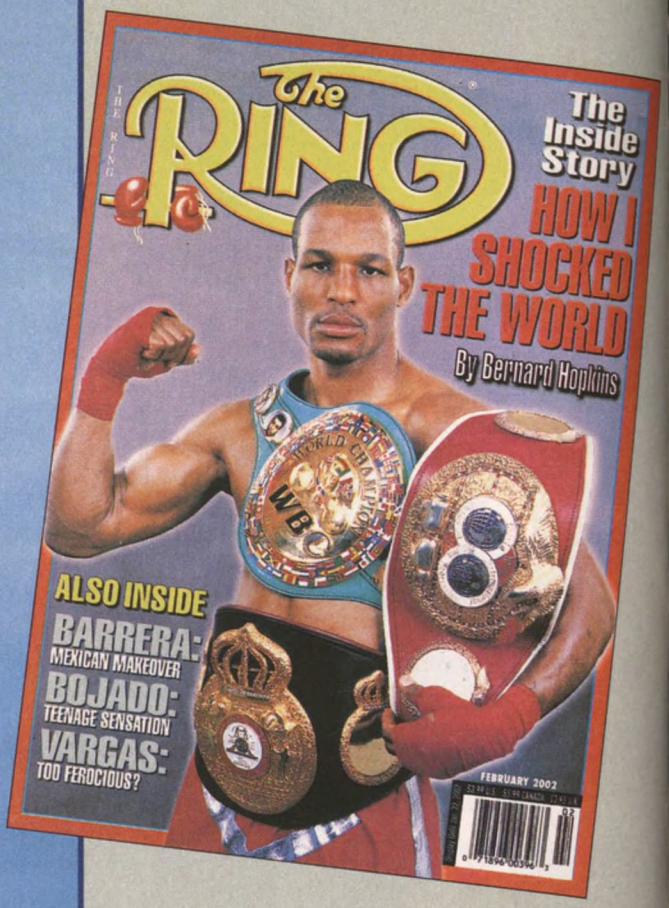
Fought Greb an amazing six times

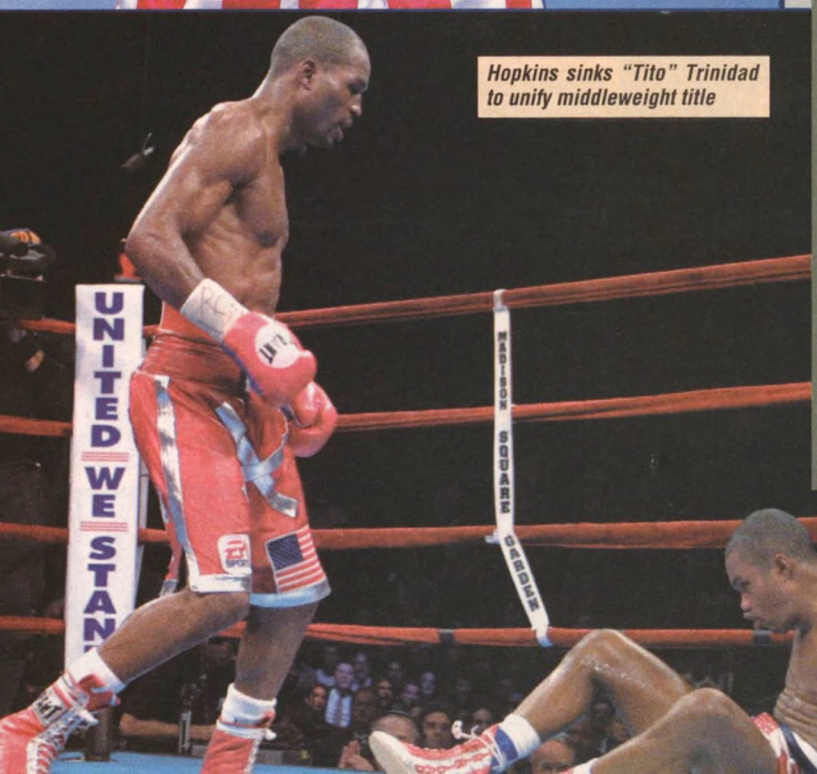
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: No-Decision 8 Gene Tunney, W 15 Mike McTigue, W 10 Mickey Walker, W 15 James J. Braddock, L 15 Primo Carnera

WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Gifted boxer with a great left jab … Undefeated in first 43 bouts … Best light heavyweight of his era, defending title five times before moving up … Such a proficient and talented boxer, Jack Dempsey hired him as sparring partner to duplicate Tunney.

50 BERNARD HOPKINS







Hopkins sinks "Tito" Trinidad to unify middleweight title

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 41-2-1 (30) with 1 no-contest

YEARS FOUGHT: 1988-present

TITLE HELD: World Middleweight

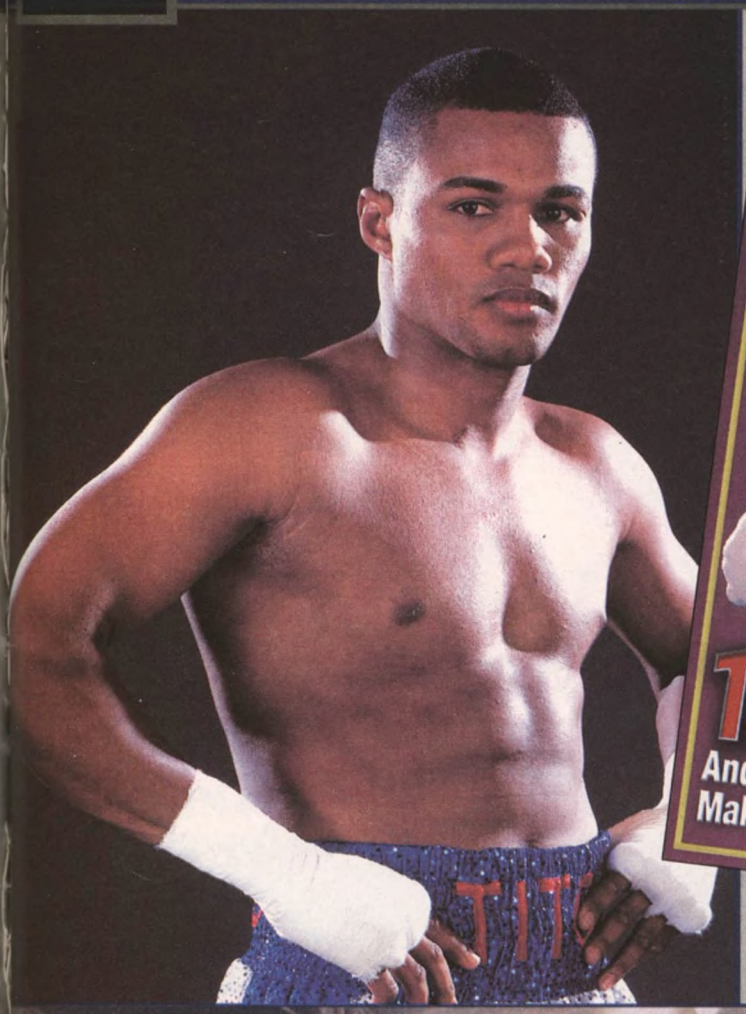
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 12 Felix Trinidad, September 29, 2001

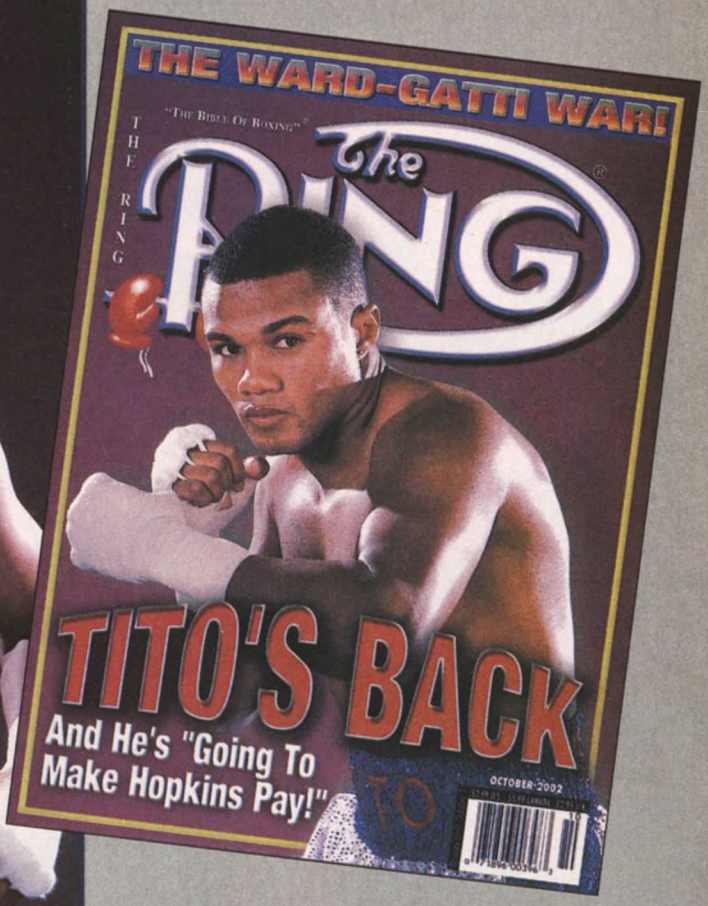
A masterful performance upstages the star

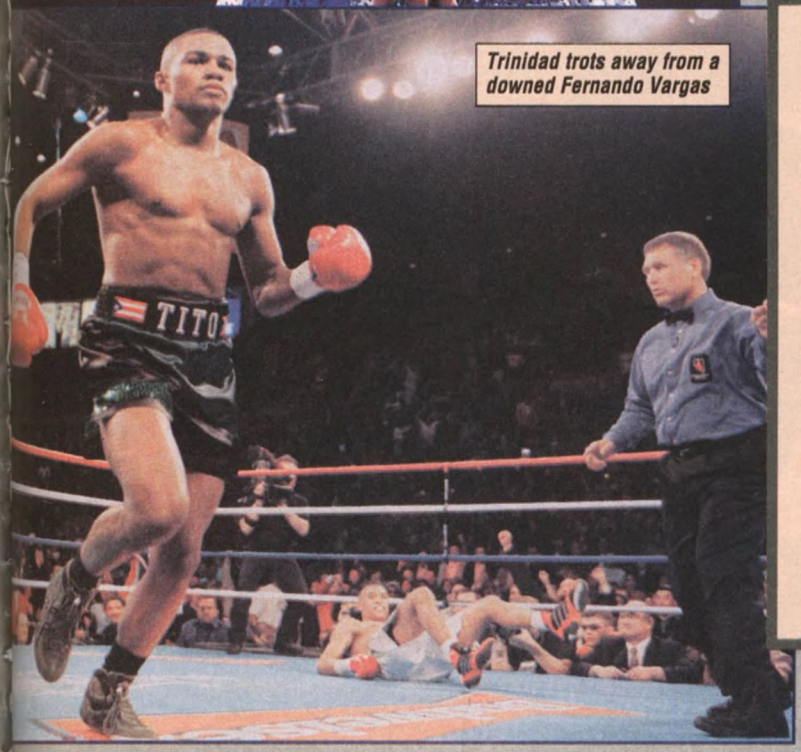
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: L 12 Roy Jones, KO 7 Segundo Mercado, KO 4 Joe Lipsey, KO 10 Antwun Echols, W 12 Keith Holmes

WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Multi-faceted fighter who can do anything in the ring … First unified middleweight champ since Marvelous Marvin Hagler ... Owns division record with 15 successful title defenses.

51 FELIX TRINIDAD







Trinidad trots away from a downed Fernando Vargas

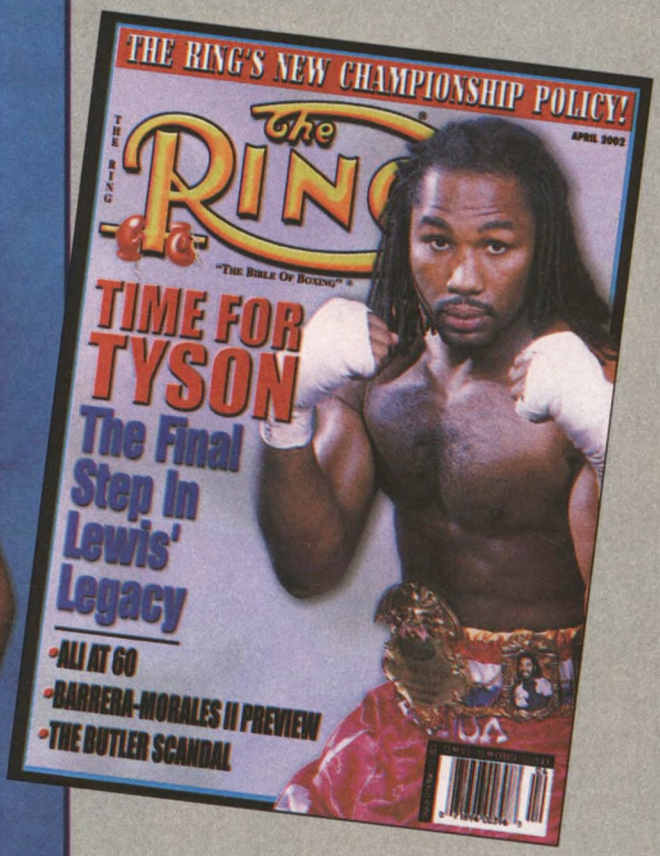
PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 41-1 (34)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1990-2002
TITLES HELD: IBF/WBC Welterweight, WBA/IBF Junior Middleweight, WBA Middleweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 12 Fernando Vargas, December 2, 2000
Poise and power; a ferocious combination
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 2 Maurice Blocker, W 12 Pernell Whitaker, W 12 Oscar De La Hoya, W 12 David Reid, KO 5 William Joppy
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: A three-division titleholder who had longest uninterrupted welterweight title reign ever … Frightening finishing power, especially in left hook … Suffocates opponents with subtle and steady pressure … Chin may be suspect, but heart isn't … Prior to loss to Bernard Hopkins, rose from all previous knockdowns and fought on to victory.

52 JAKE LaMOTTA

LaMotta swarms all over Marcel Cerdan

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 83-19-4 (30)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1941-1954
TITLE HELD: World Middleweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 10 Sugar Ray Robinson, February 5, 1943
First man to defeat Sugar Ray
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Fritzie Zivic, W 10 Holman Williams, KO 10 Marcel Cerdan, KO 15 Laurent Dauthuille, KO by 13 Ray Robinson
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Robinson said LaMotta was his toughest foe ... They met six times, twice in a three-week span in 1943 ... Arguably the greatest chin in boxing history ... Solid boxing ability to go with toughness ... Might have had a longer title reign if he hadn't been denied his deserved shot for so long.

53 LENNOX LEWIS



PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 40-2-1 (31)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1989-present
TITLES HELD: World Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 8 Mike Tyson, June 8, 2002
Emphatic knockout solidifies Lewis' legacy
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 2 Razor Ruddock, D 12 Evander Holyfield, W 12 Evander Holyfield, KO 2 Michael Grant, KO 4 Hasim Rahman
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Excellent power, particularly with the right hand … Long left jab also an important weapon … Still going strong at age 37 … Both losses avenged via kayo … Could have been rated higher, but politics prevented him from meeting Tyson and Holyfield earlier and Riddick Bowe at all.

Lewis' awesome right jolts Mike Tyson

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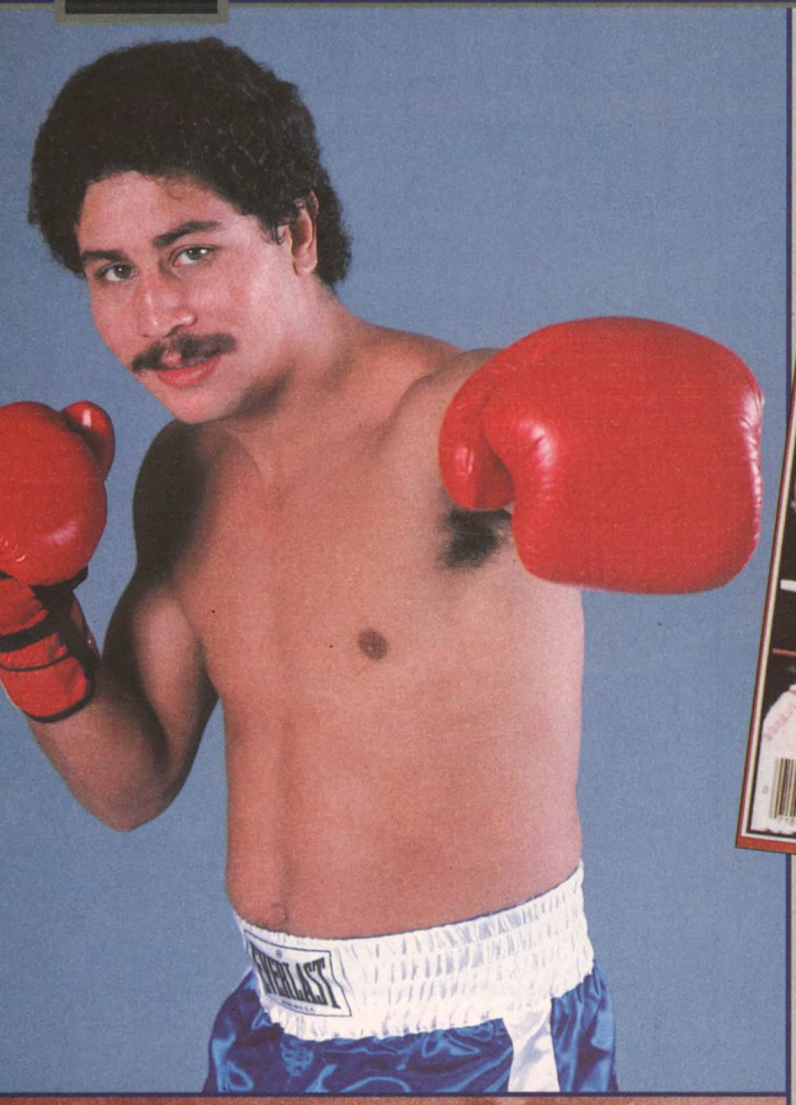
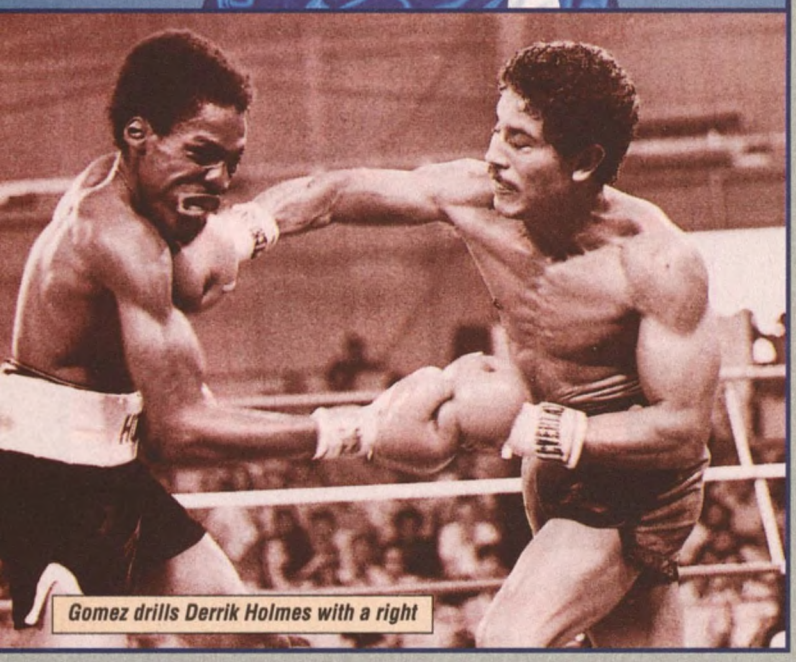
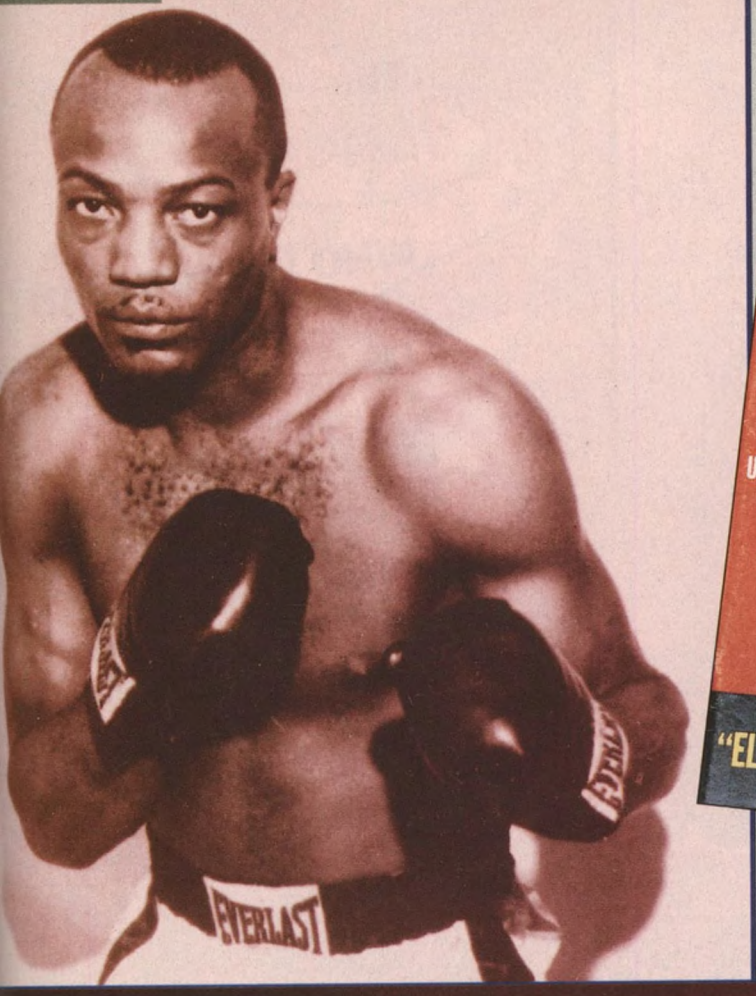


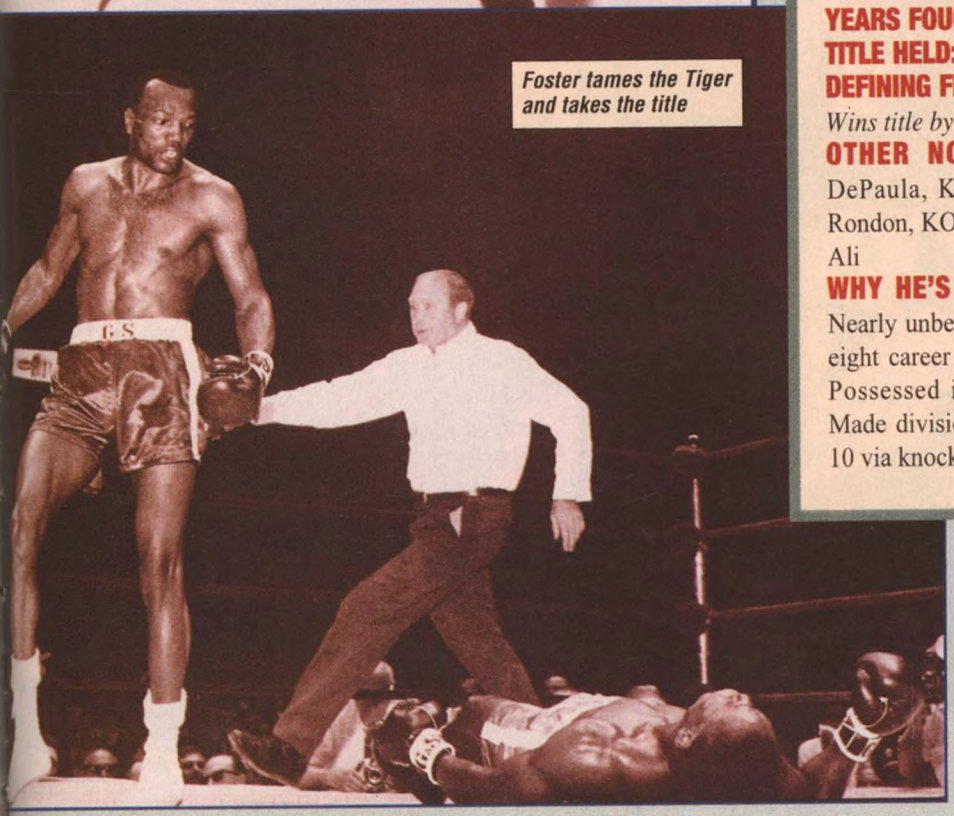


Gomez drills Derrik Holmes with a right

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 44-3-1 (42)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1974-1989
TITLES HELD: WBC Super Bantamweight, WBC Featherweight, WBA Junior Lightweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 5 Carlos Zarate, October 28, 1978
Knocks out unbeaten champion
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 3 Royal Kobayashi, KO by 8 Salvador Sanchez, KO 6 Juan Meza, KO 14 Lupe Pintor, W 12 Juan LaPorte
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Scored 32 consecutive knockouts, the fourth-longest streak of all-time … Captured first title in just 17th pro fight … Defended junior feather-weight belt 17 times, a division record.

55 BOB FOSTER

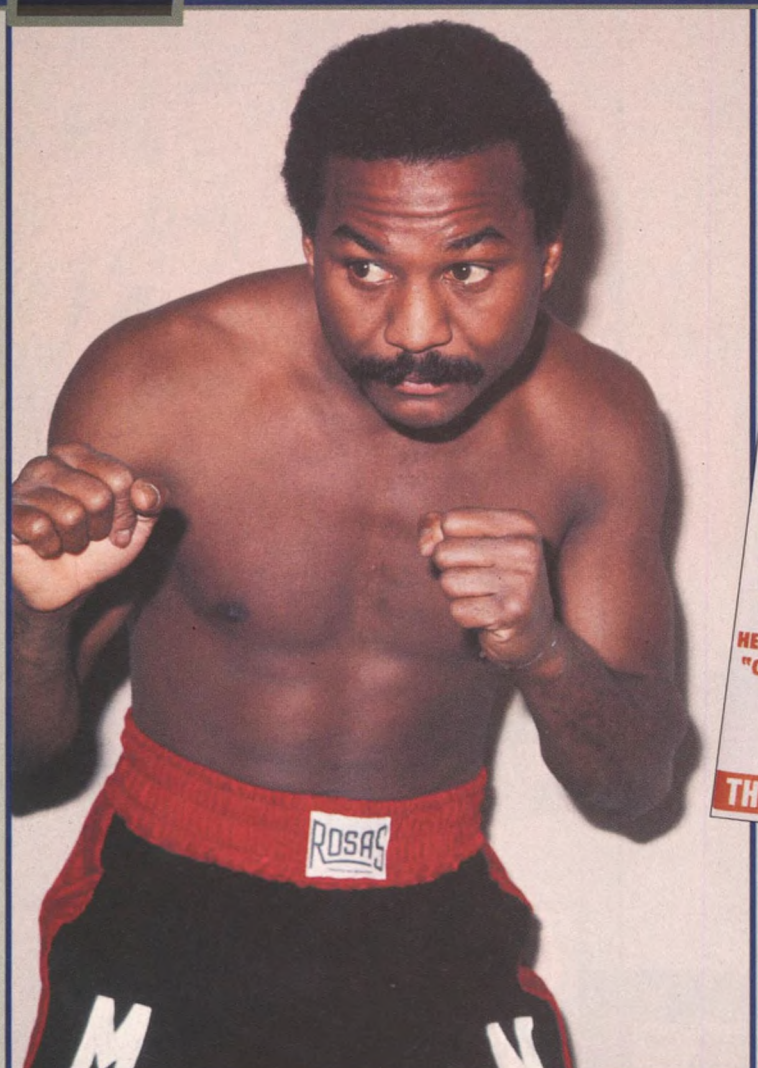


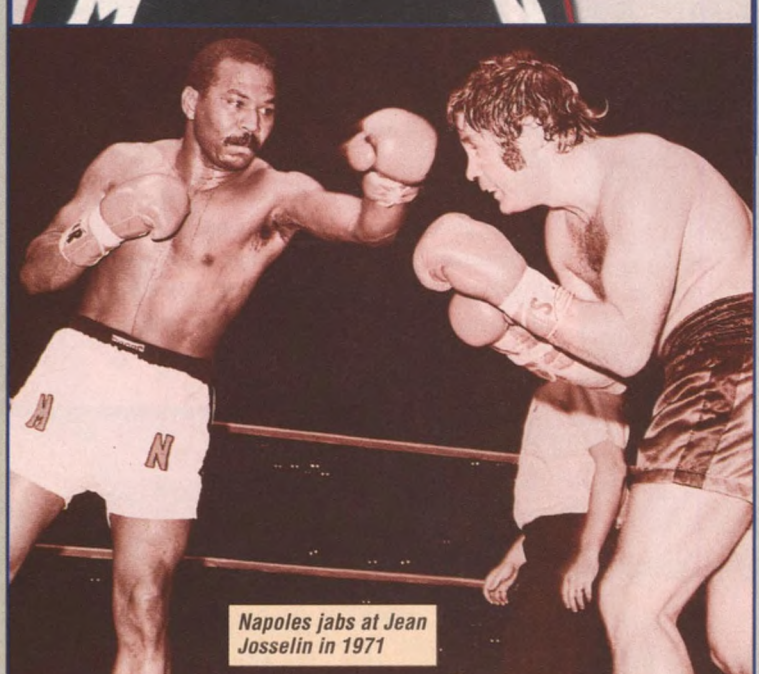


Foster tames the Tiger and takes the title

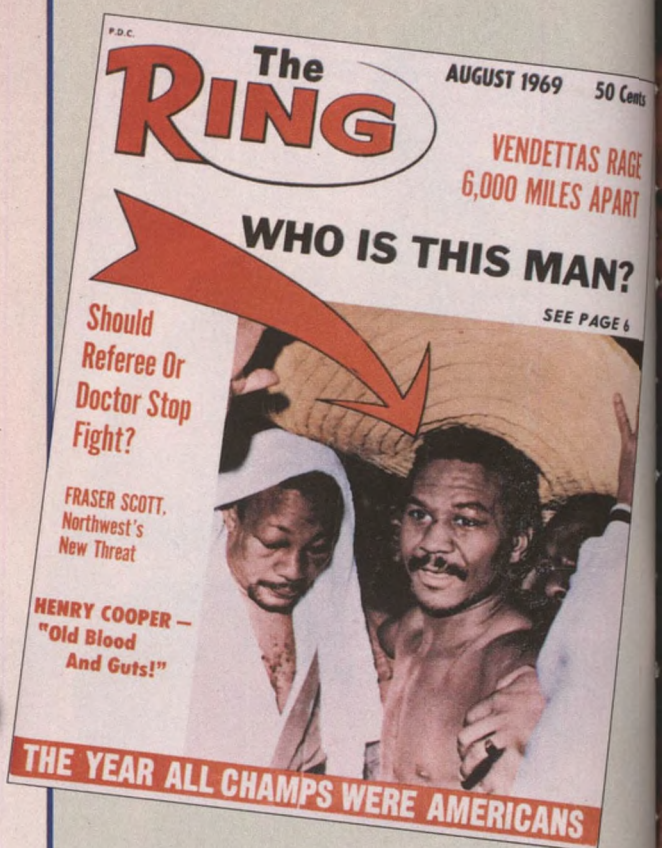
PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 56-8-1 (46)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1961-1978
TITLE HELD: World Light Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 4 Dick Tiger, May 24, 1968
Wins title by flattening Tiger at the Garden
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 1 Frankie DePaula, KO by 2 Joe Frazier, KO 2 Vicente Rondon, KO 4 Mike Quarry, KO by 8 Muhammad Ali
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Nearly unbeatable at light heavyweight … Five of eight career losses came against heavyweights … Possessed incredible power at 175 pounds … Made division-record 14 successful title defenses, 10 via knockout.

56 JOSE NAPOLES



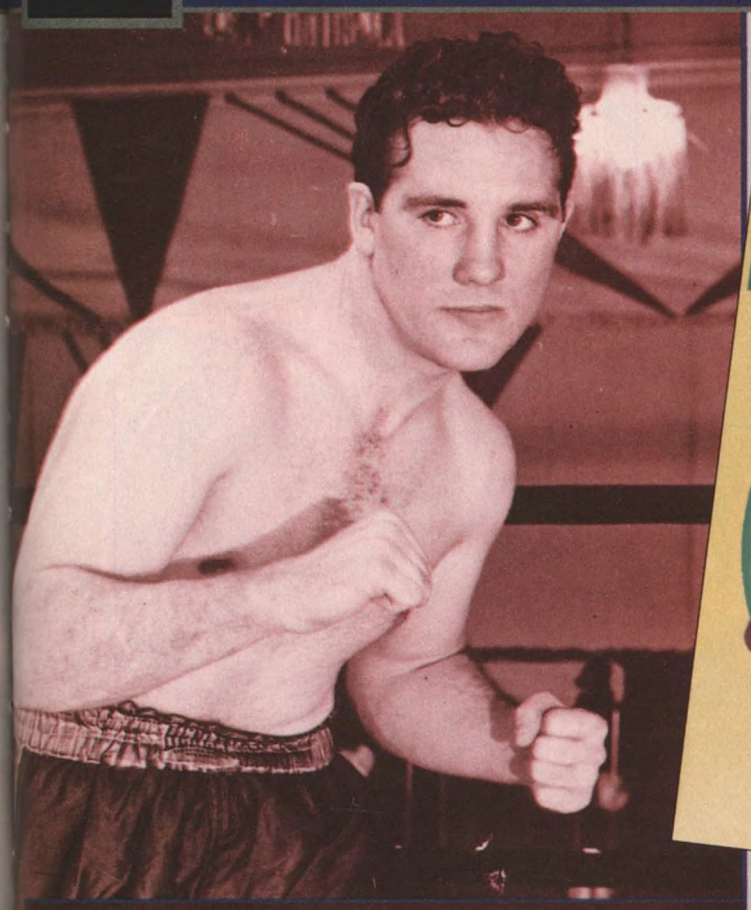


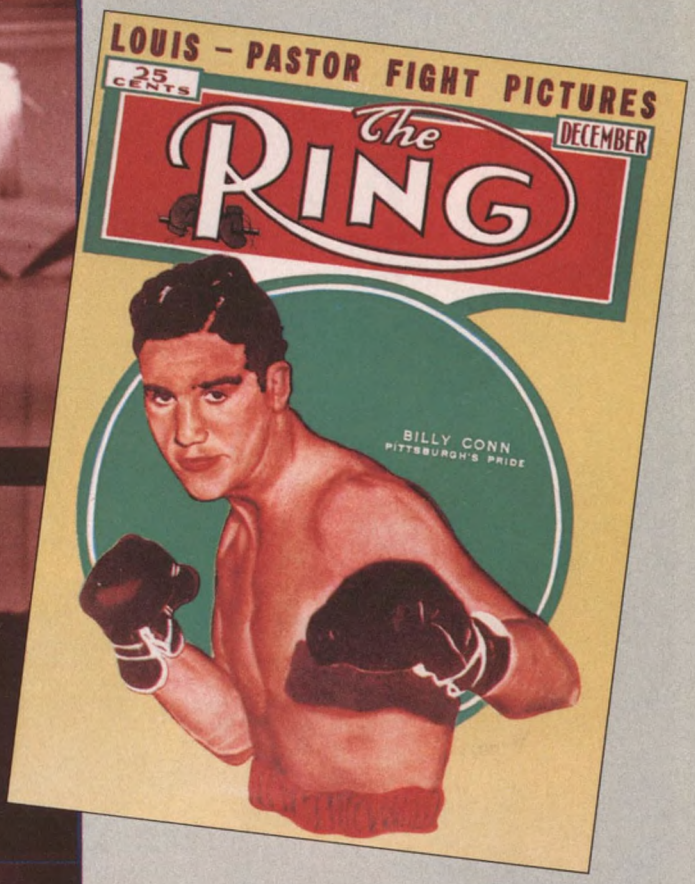
Napoles jabs at Jean Josselin in 1971

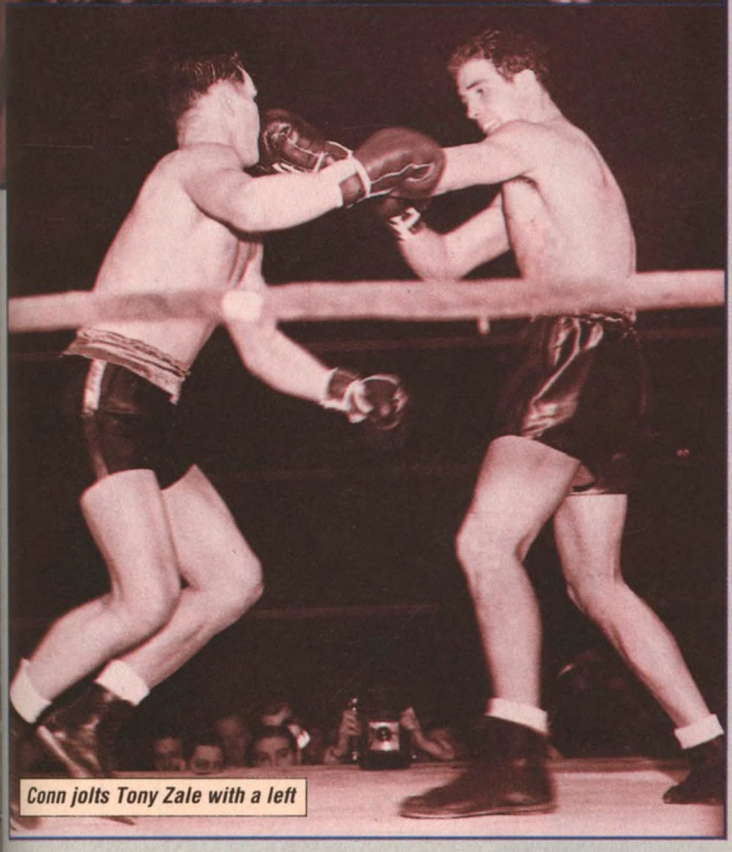


PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 77-7 (54)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1958-1975
TITLES HELD: World Welterweight (twice)
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 13 Curtis Cokes, April 18, 1969
Reign begins with dismantling of tough and skillful veteran
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 15 Emile Griffith, KO 8 Billy Backus, W 15 Hedgemon Lewis, KO by 7 Carlos Monzon, W 15 Armando Muniz
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: His super smooth style earned him the nickname "Mantequilla," which is Spanish for butter ... Efficient with a wide array of hard punches ... Made 13 successful title defenses over two reigns.

57 BILLY CONN



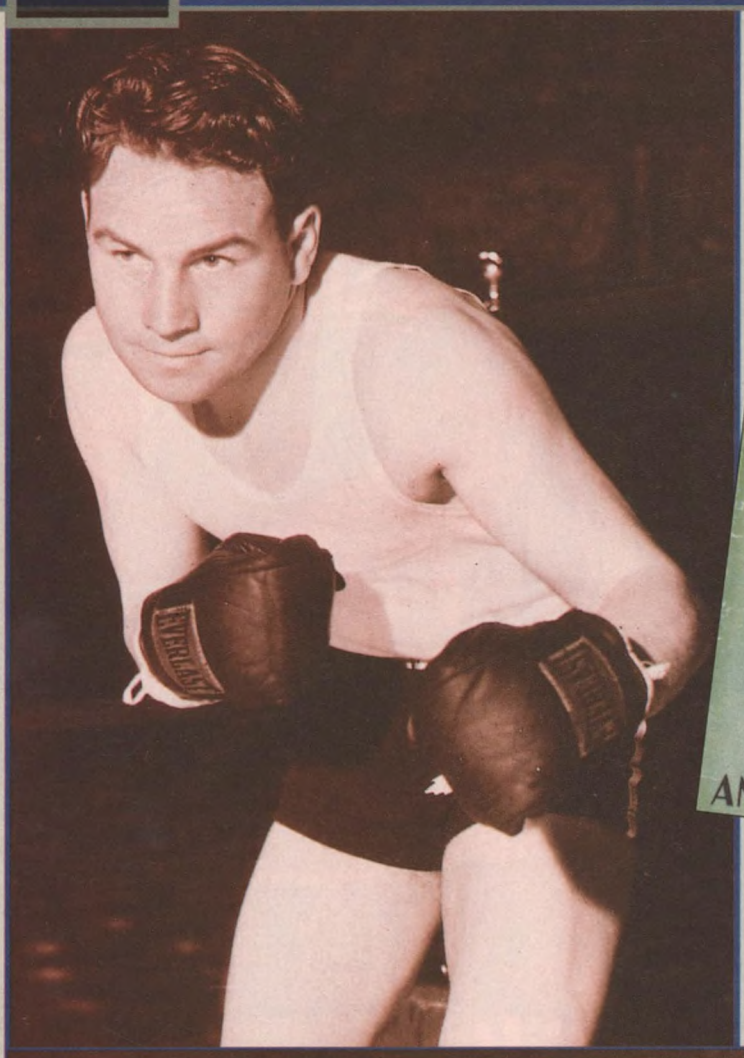


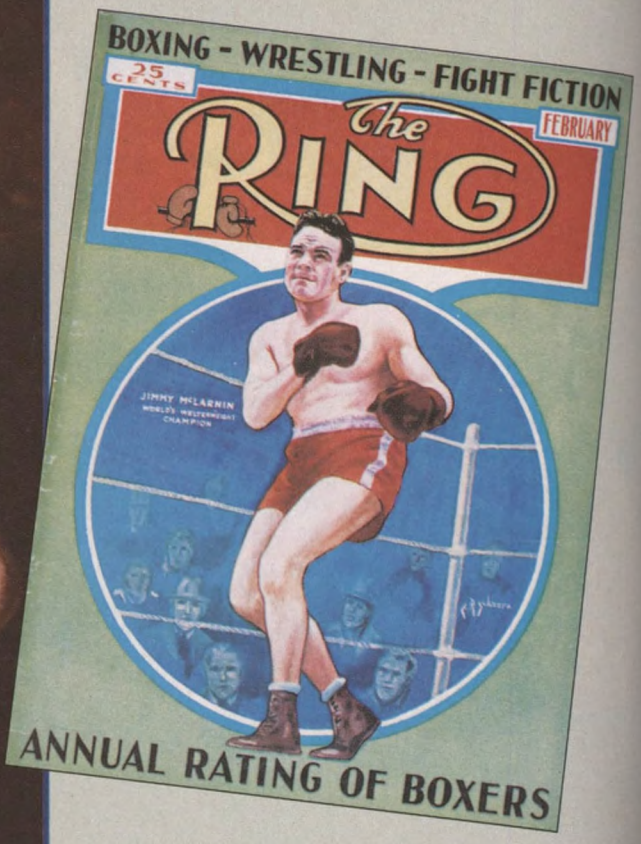


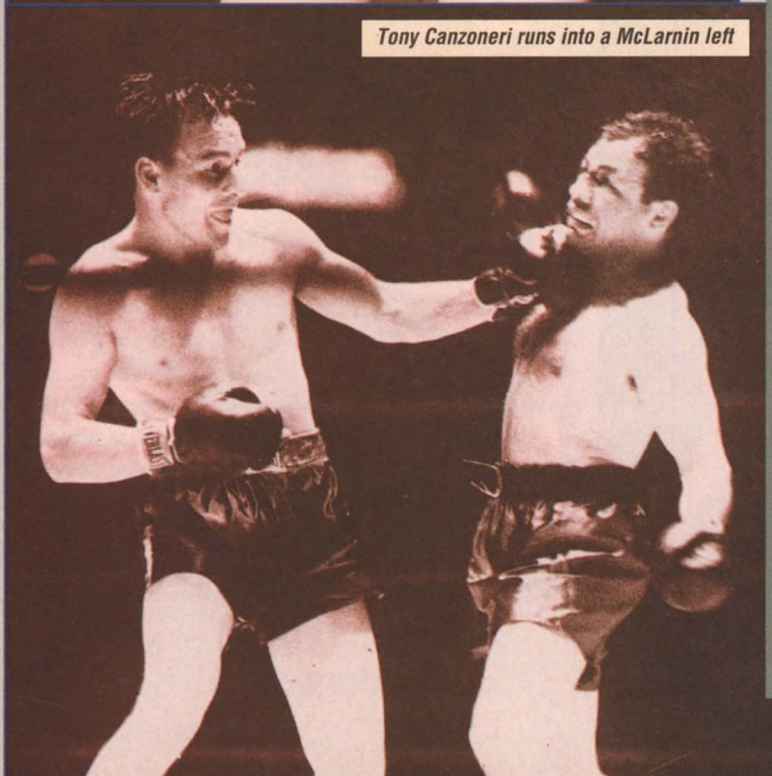
Conn jolts Tony Zale with a left

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 63-11-1 (14)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1934-1948
TITLE HELD: World Light Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO by 13 Joe Louis, June 18, 1941
Was giving away 30 pounds and beating a legend for 12 rounds
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Fritzie Zivic, W 10 Babe Risko, W 12 Teddy Yarosz, W 15 Melio Bettina, W 15 Gus Lesnevich
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Lacked power, but was a classic boxer with exceptional hand speed … Made three successful title defenses at 175 before vacating to fight as heavyweight … Lost twice to Louis, but bested heavyweight contenders Bob Pastor, Lee Savold, and Buddy Knox.

58 JIMMY McLARNIN







Tony Canzoneri runs into a McLarnin left

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 62-11-3 (20) with 1 no-decision

YEARS FOUGHT: 1923-1936

TITLES HELD: World Welterweight (twice)

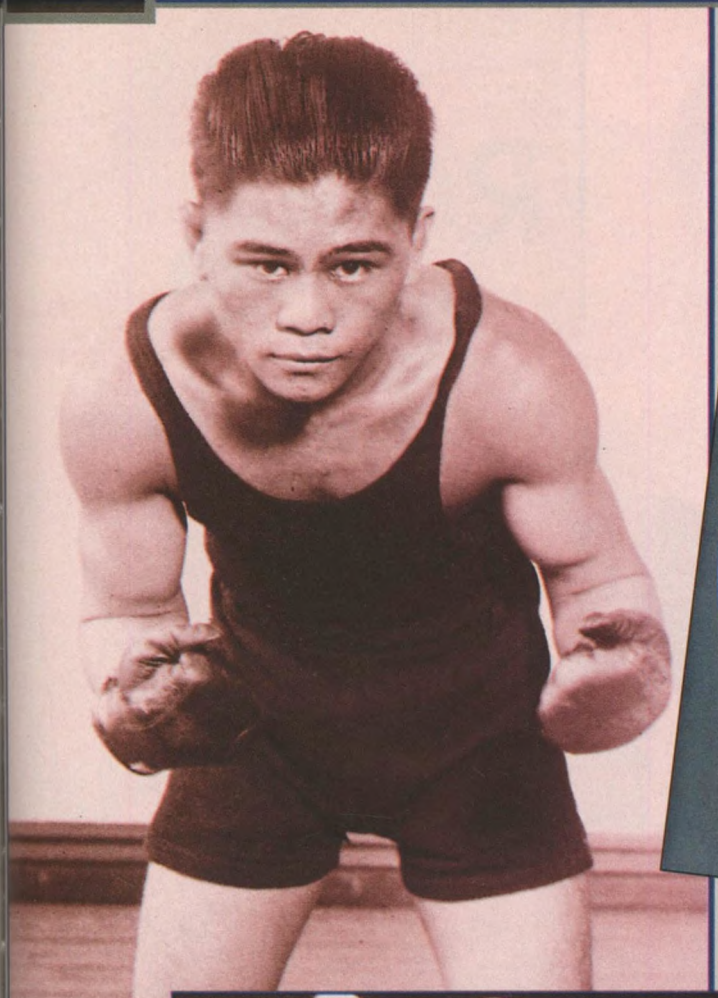
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Barney Ross, September 17, 1934

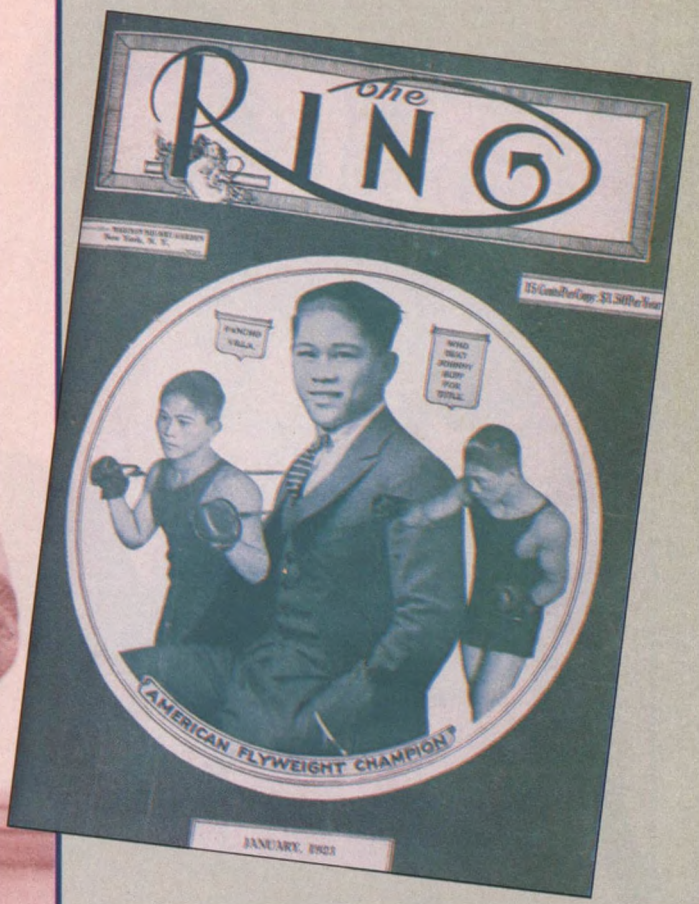
McLarnin wins bout number two of razor-close three-fight series

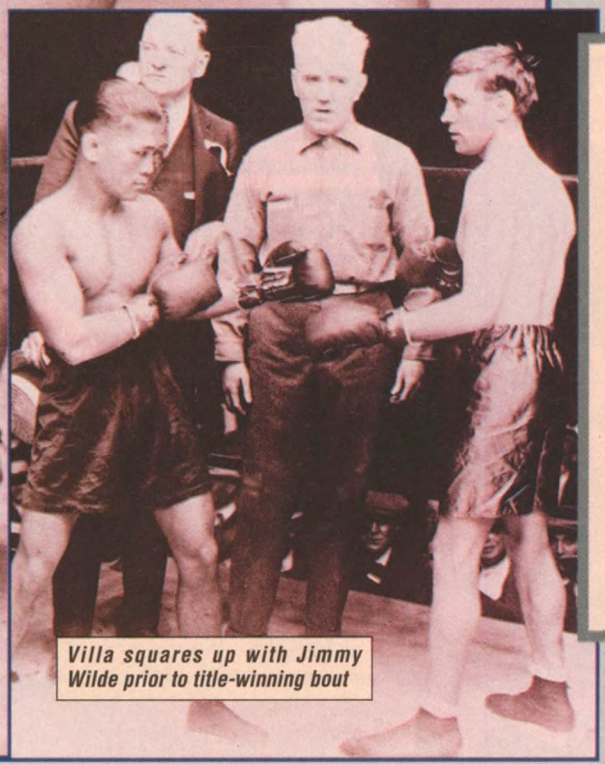
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Fidel LaBarba, W 10 Pancho Villa, KO 6 Benny Leonard, KO 1 Young Corbett III, W 10 Tony Canzoneri

WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Though tenure as champion was brief, tenure as a great fighter lasted throughout career … Fought eight fellow Hall of Famers, posting wins over all of them … Fought 15 world champions from seven different divisions … On five occasions beat a reigning champ in a non-title bout … Equipped with solid punching power and tremendous punching accuracy.

59 PANCHO VILLA







Villa squares up with Jimmy Wilde prior to title-winning bout

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 76-5-5 (23) with 23 no-decisions

YEARS FOUGHT: 1919-1925

TITLE HELD: World Flyweight

DEFINING FIGHT: KO 7 Jimmy Wilde, June 18, 1923

Knocks out the division's first star to win title

OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 11 Johnny Buff, W 15 Benny Schwartz, W 15 Frankie Ash, W 15 Clever Sencio, L 10 Jimmy McLarnin

WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Unrelenting style endeared him to fans and promoters ... First Filipino world champion ... Could've rated higher, but career was cut short when he died of complications following surgery.

60 CARLOS ORTIZ

Ortiz rocks Ismael Laguna in their third and final bout

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 61-7-1 (30) with 1 no-contest

YEARS FOUGHT: 1955-1972

TITLES HELD: World Junior Welterweight, World Lightweight (twice)

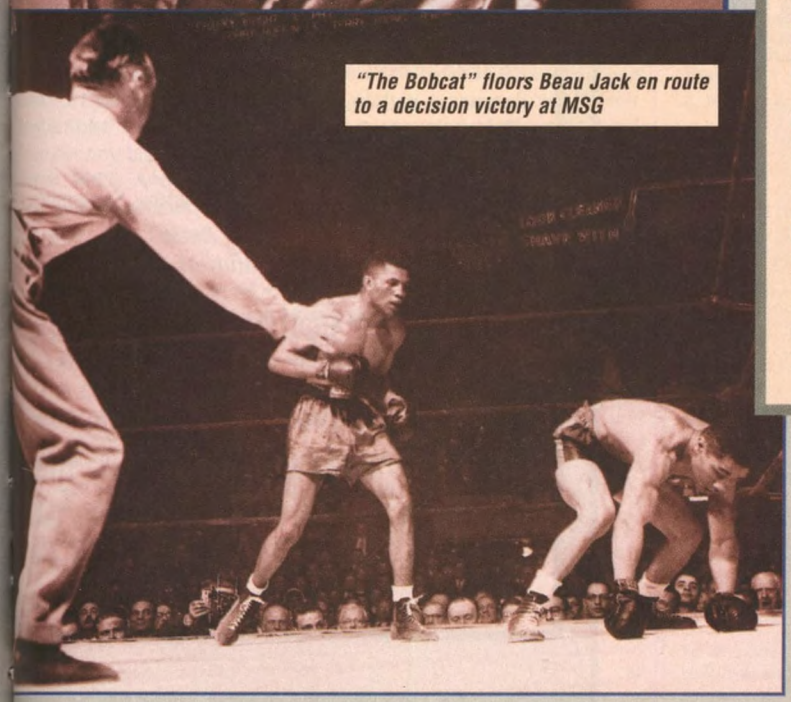
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Ismael Laguna, November 13, 1965

It's unanimous in the rematch between future Hall of Famers

OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 2 Kenny Lane, W 15 Duilio Loi, W 15 Joe Brown, KO 14 Flash Elorde, KO 5 Sugar Ramos

WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Skillful boxer-puncher began career with a 20-bout winning streak … Faced world-class opposition throughout his career ... Made nine successful title defenses at lightweight over two reigns, including seven title fight wins over Hall of Famers.

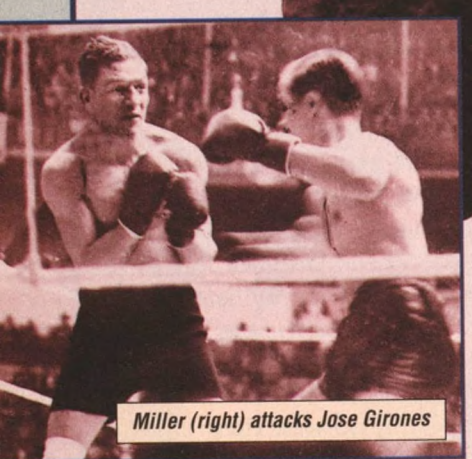
61 BOB MONTGOMERY



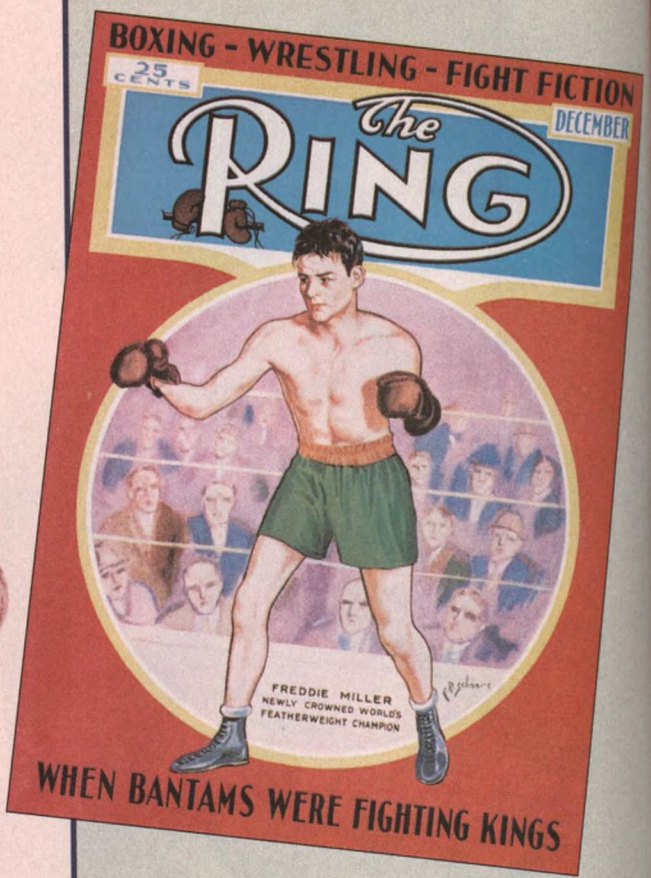
"The Bobcat" floors Beau Jack en route to a decision victory at MSG

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 75-19-3 (37)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1938-1950
TITLE HELD: World Lightweight (twice)
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Beau Jack, March 3, 1944
Regains title in division's greatest rivalry
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Lew Jenkins, W 10 Fritzie Zivic, KO 12 Ike Williams, KO 8 Wesley Mouzon, KO by 6 Ike Williams
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Pressure fighter whose ferocity earned him "The Bobcat" nickname … A 135-pound champ in an era overflowing with Hall of Fame lightweights … Points losses to Sammy Angott were highly questionable.

62 FREDDIE MILLER



Miller (right) attacks Jose Girones



PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 208-28-7 (42) with 1 no-contest and 4 no-decisions

YEARS FOUGHT: 1927-1940

TITLE HELD: World Featherweight

DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Nel Tarleton, September 20, 1934

Earns worldwide recognition as featherweight king

OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Baby Arizmendi, W 10 Speedy Dado, W 10 Chalky Wright, W 10 Panama Al Brown, W 15 Petey Sarron

WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Regarded as one of the best southpaws in boxing history ... Won 71 of his first 75 fights ... Successfully defended featherweight crown five times in 13 months ... Stopped just once in 248 pro bouts, in his final fight.

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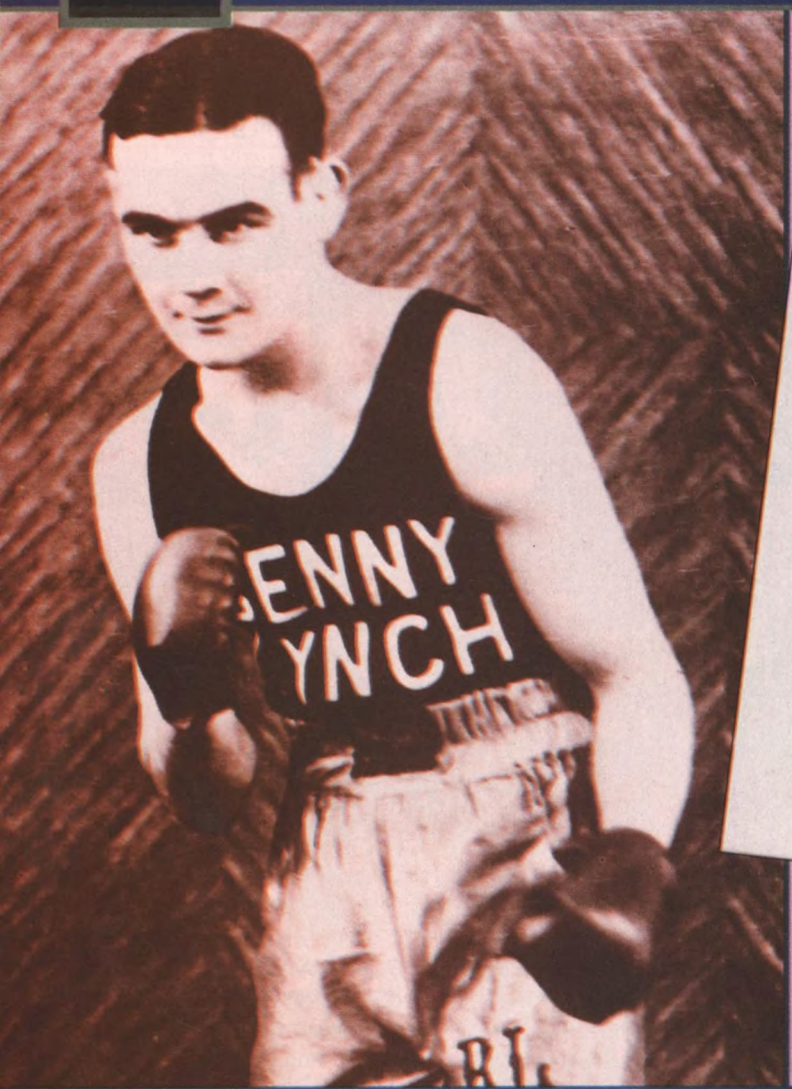
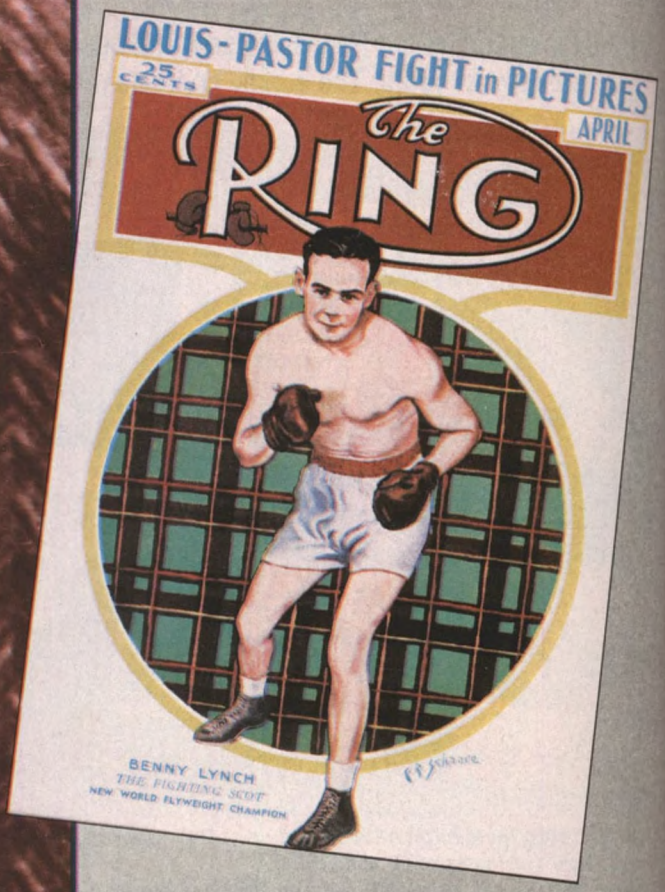
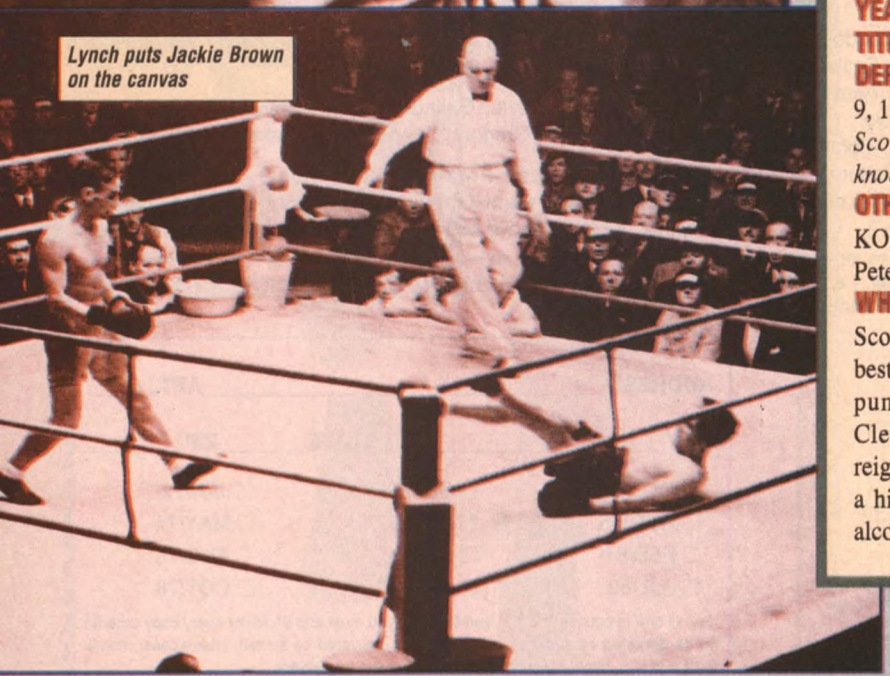


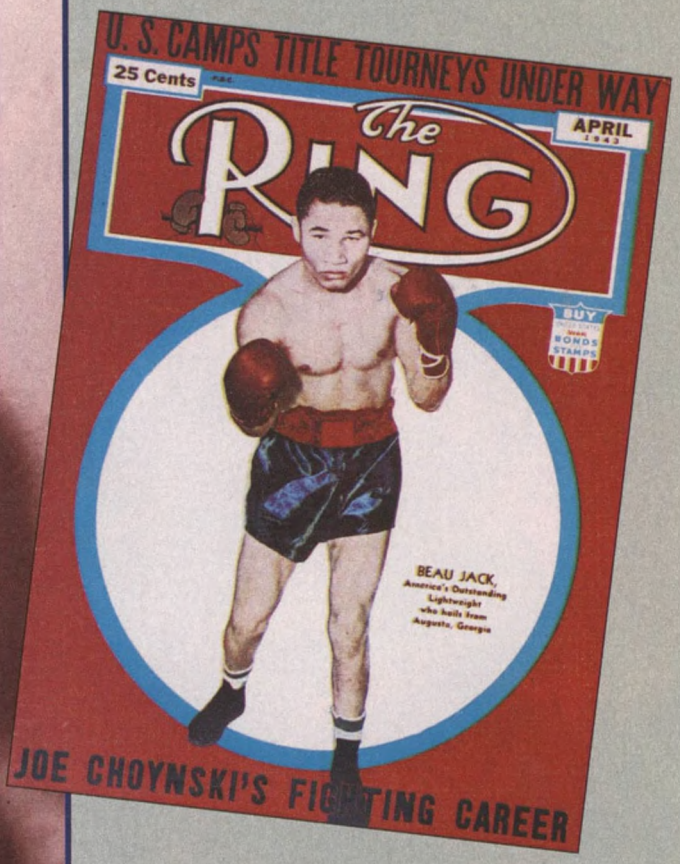




Lynch puts Jackie Brown on the canvas

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 82-13-15 (33)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1931-1938
TITLE HELD: World Flyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 2 Jackie Brown, September 9, 1935
Scotsman flattens Brit for NBA title, scoring 10 knockdowns in two rounds
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 15 Jim Campbell, KO 8 Pat Palmer, W 15 Small Montana, KO 13 Peter Kane, KO 12 Jackie Jurich
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Scotland's first world champion and perhaps the best flyweight since Jimmy Wilde ... A very good puncher, despite his low kayo percentage ... Cleaned out the division during his three-year reign, and never lost title in the ring ... En route to a higher ranking, but career cut short by chronic alcoholism.

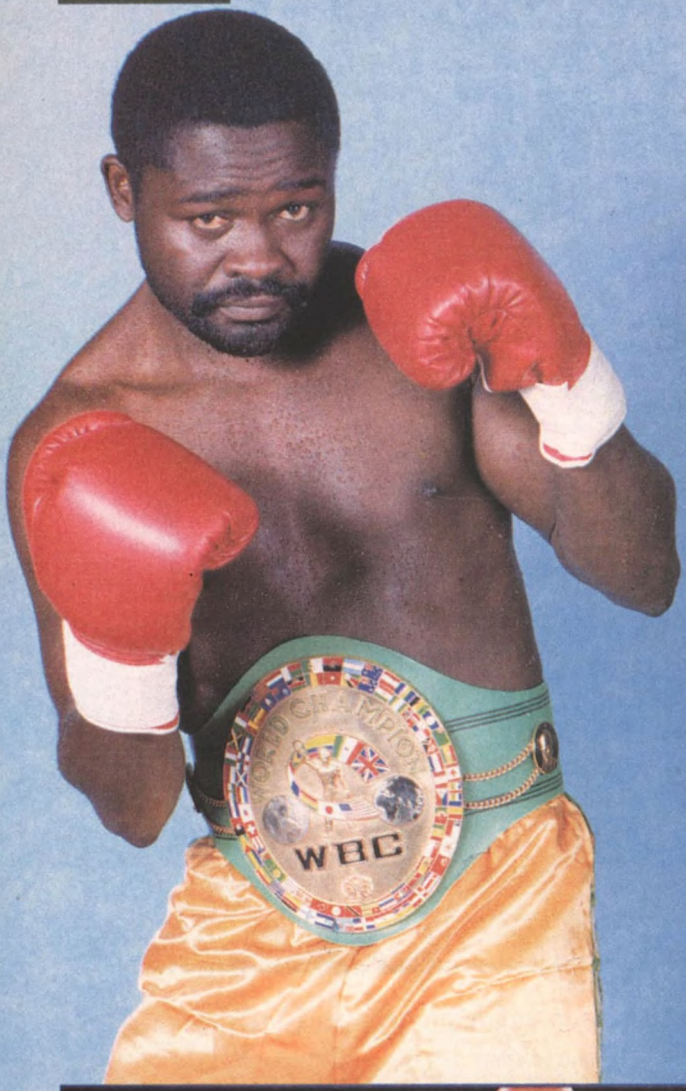
64 BEAU JACK



A Jack-hammer jab finds Juan Zurita

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 83-24-5 (40) with 1 no-decision
YEARS FOUGHT: 1940-1955
TITLE HELD: World Lightweight (twice)
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Bob Montgomery, November 19, 1943
Regained title by averaging 100 punches per round
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 3 Tippy Larkin, W 12 Fritzie Zivic, W 10 Henry Armstrong, W 10 Bob Montgomery, KO 7 Sammy Angott
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: A superbly conditioned fighter who rarely took a backward step in the ring … Style was so exciting he once sold out Madison Square Garden twice in three weeks, and fought there 27 times overall … Met and often beat the best fighters in what is certainly a golden era for the lightweight division.

65 AZUMAH NELSON



Nelson batters Gabe Ruelas to begin his second 130-pound reign

"The Professor" exchanges with late-career rival Jesse James Leija

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 39-5-2 (28)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1979-1998
TITLES HELD: WBC Featherweight, WBC Super Featherweight (twice)
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 8 Jeff Fenech, March 1, 1992
Sets record straight after controversial draw
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO by 15 Salvador Sanchez, KO 11 Wilfredo Gomez, W 12 Marcos Villasana, W 12 Juan LaPorte, KO 5 Gabe Ruelas
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Burst onto scene by giving the legendary Sanchez a shockingly tough time in just 14th pro fight ... A terrific puncher, and a smart enough boxer to be called "The Professor" ... Fought 12 world champions ... Won first world title at age 26 and last title at 37 ... Competed in 24 title fights, more than half his total number of bouts.

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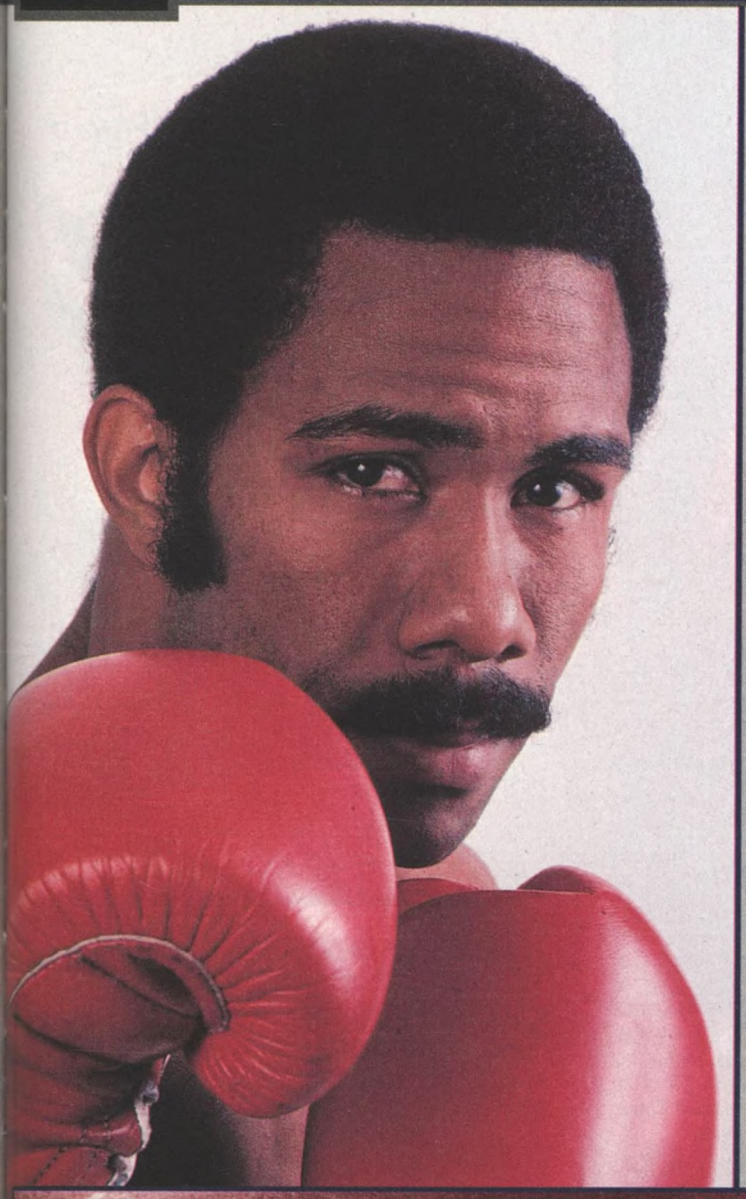
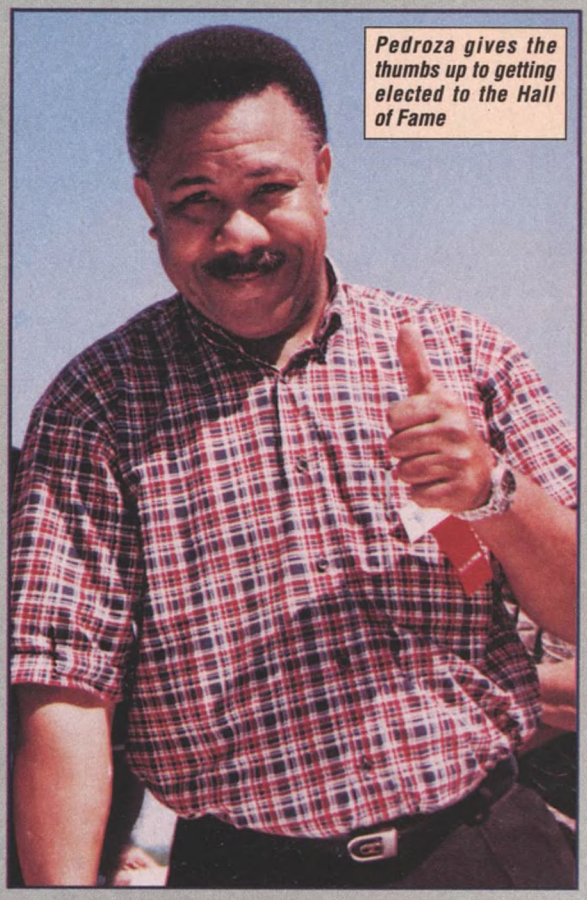
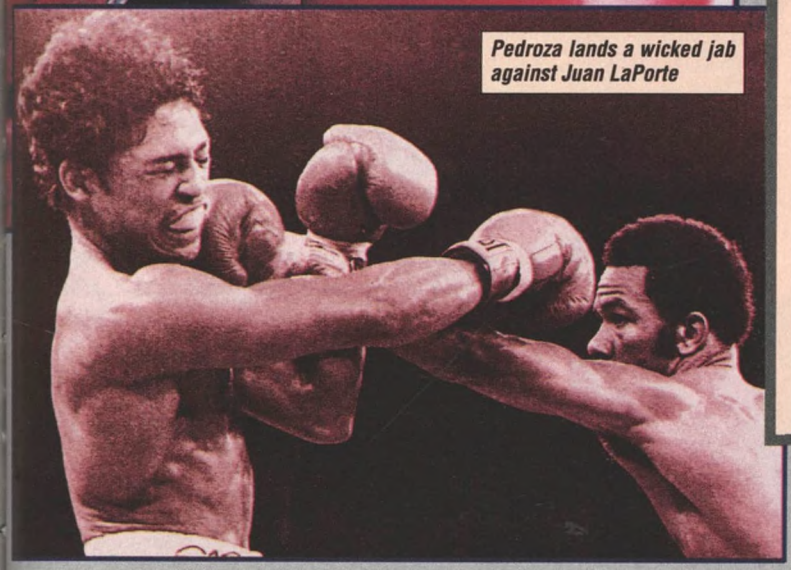




Pedroza gives the thumbs up to getting elected to the Hall of Fame



Pedroza lands a wicked jab against Juan LaPorte

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 42-6-1 (25) with 1 no-contest

YEARS FOUGHT: 1973-1992

TITLE HELD: WBA Featherweight

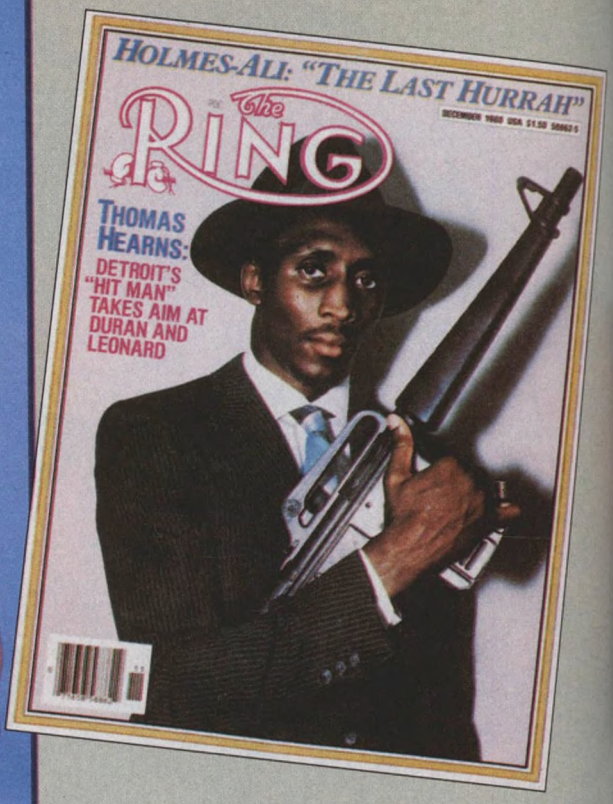
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 12 Ruben Olivares, July 21, 1979

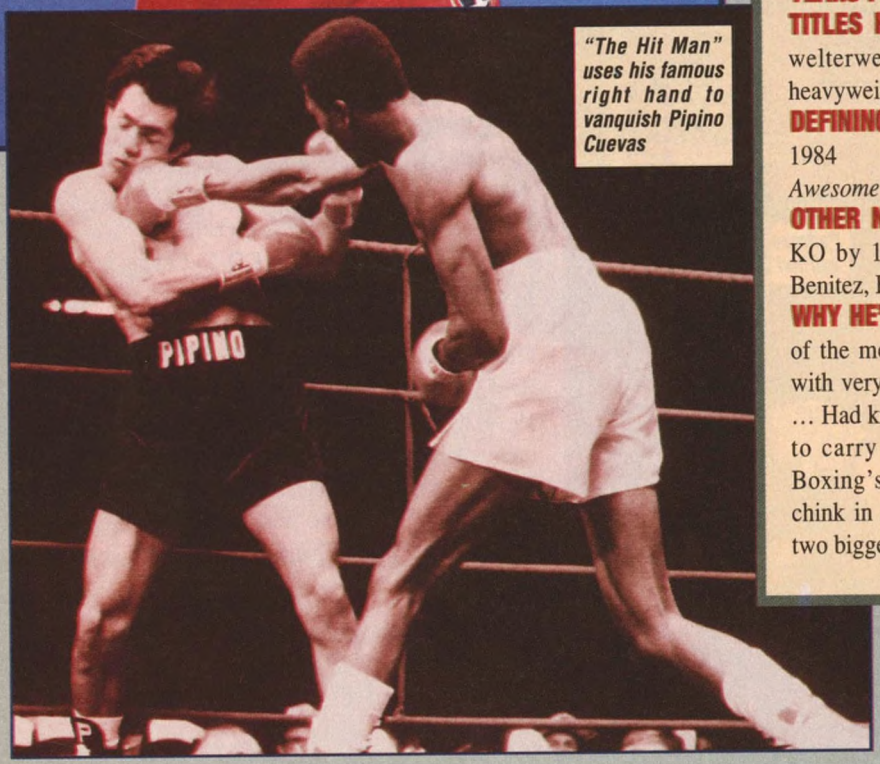
Knocks out a legend early in his reign

OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 13 Cecilio Lastra, KO 12 Ernesto Herrera, W 15 Rocky Lockridge, W 15 Juan LaPorte, L 15 Barry McGuigan

WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Held 126-pound title from 1978 to 1985 and made 19 successful defenses … Was 5'9" and had a 68-inch reach, exceptional physical advantages for a featherweight, but unlike many tall fighters, boxed well on the inside and possessed a strong body attack … Very good hand speed and a dominant left jab.

67 THOMAS HEARNS

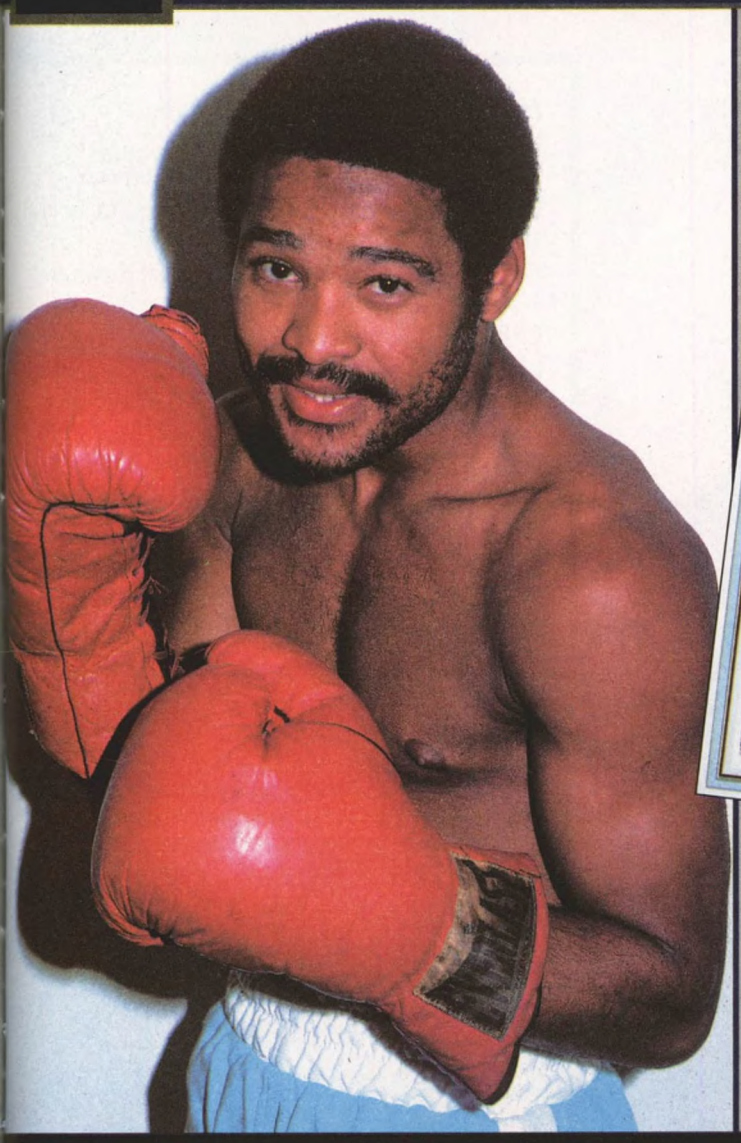


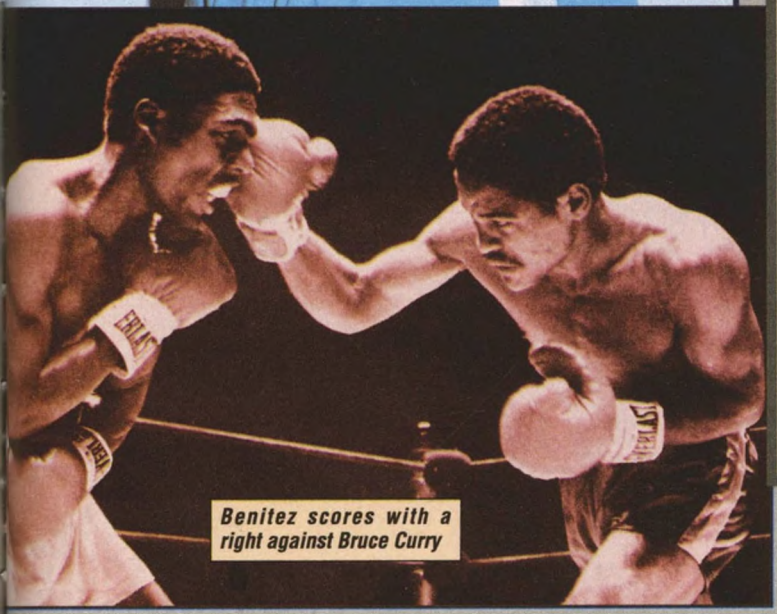


"The Hit Man" uses his famous right hand to vanquish Pipino Cuevas

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 59-5-1 (46)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1977-2000
TITLES HELD: WBA welterweight, WBC super welterweight, WBC middleweight, WBC light heavyweight, WBA light heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 2 Roberto Duran, June 15, 1984
Awesome power accomplishes the unthinkable
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 2 Pipino Cuevas, KO by 14 Sugar Ray Leonard, W 15 Wilfred Benitez, KO by 3 Marvin Hagler, W 12 Virgil Hill
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: One of the most prolific offensive fighters in history, with very quick hands and a sharp, jolting left jab ... Had knockout power in either fist, and was able to carry power as he moved up in weight ... Boxing's first four-division titleholder ... Only chink in armor was his chin, which failed him in two biggest fights of career.

68 WILFRED BENITEZ

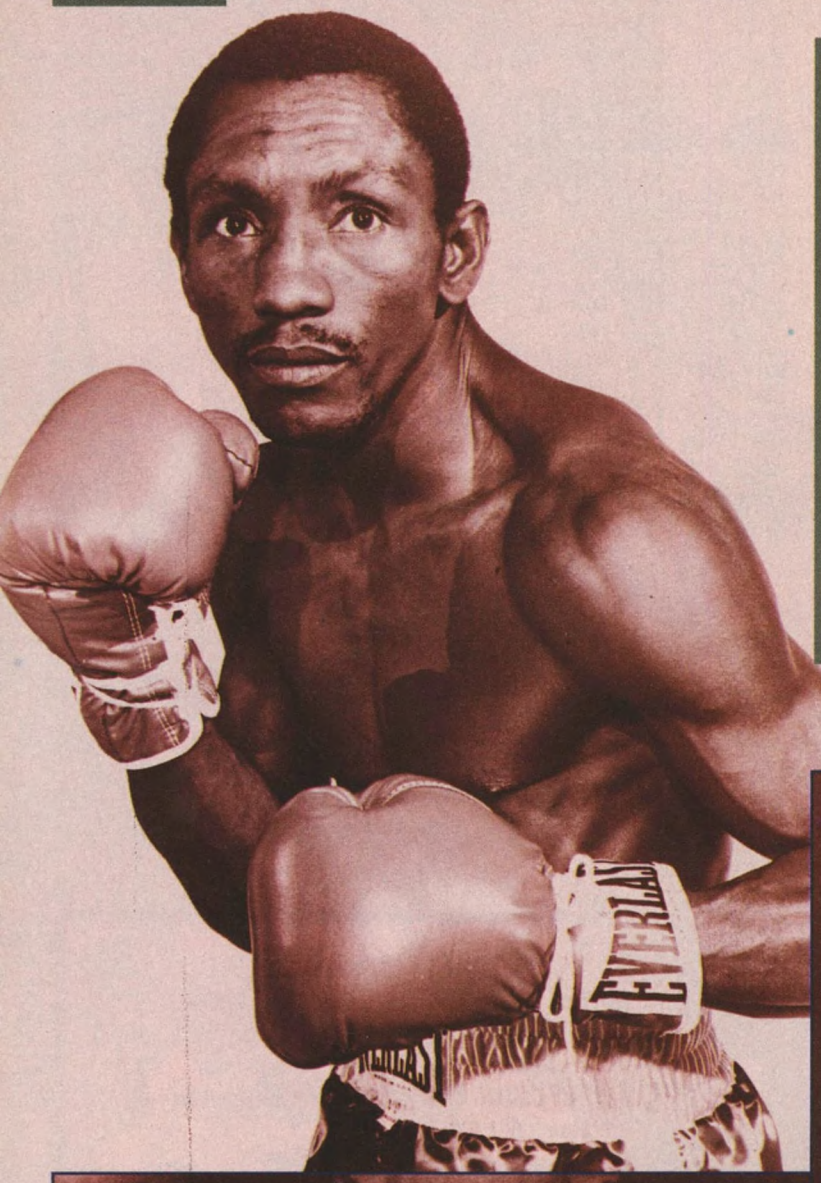




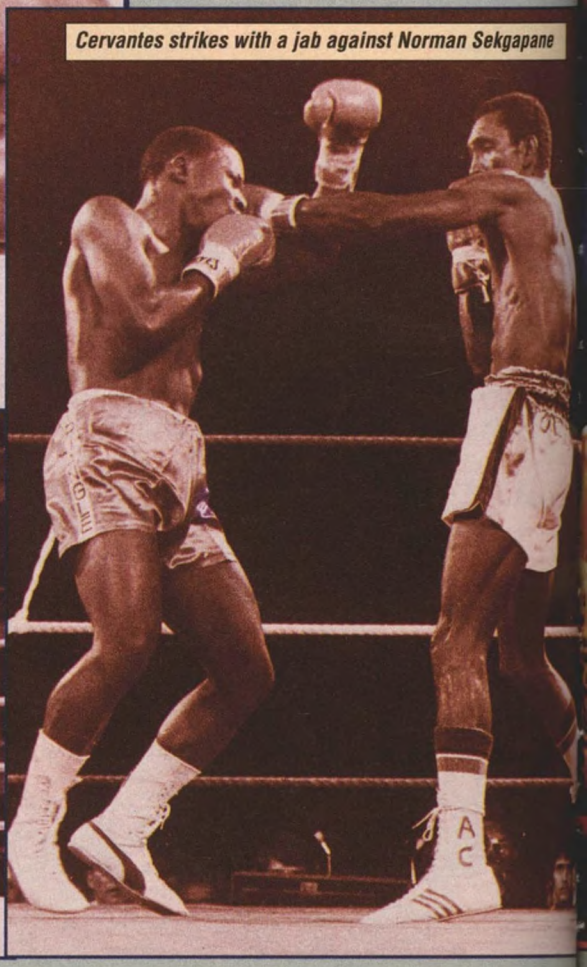
Benitez scores with a right against Bruce Curry

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 53-8-1 (31)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1973-1990
TITLES HELD: World Junior Welterweight, World Welterweight, WBC Super Welterweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Antonio Cervantes, March 6, 1976
Teenager outduels veteran champ
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 15 Carlos Palomino, W 15 Harold Weston, KO by 15 Sugar Ray Leonard, KO 12 Maurice Hope, W 15 Roberto Duran
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: At 17, became the youngest world champion in history … Won titles in three weight classes by the age of 22 … Intelligent fighter with great instincts for boxing … Quick reflexes made him excellent defensively … Criticized for lax approach to training, which probably played a role in his being used up by his mid-20s.

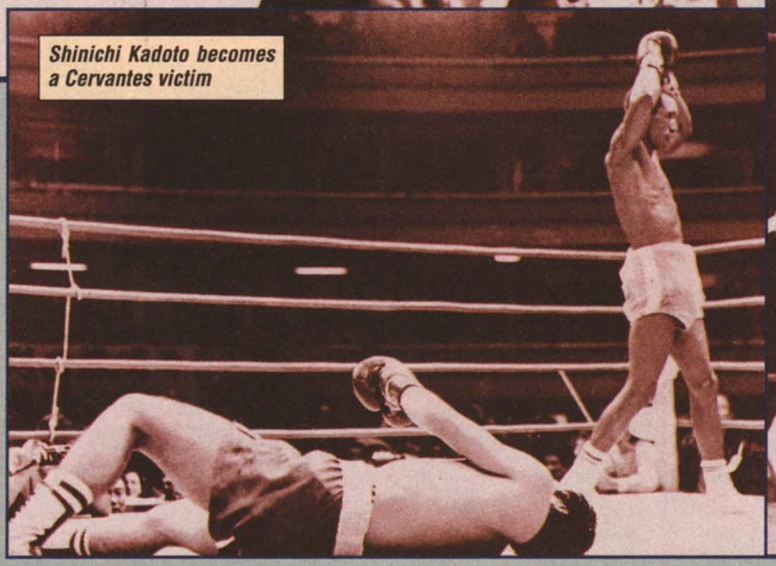
69 ANTONIO CERVANTES



PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 66-12-1 (36)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1964-1983
TITLE HELD: WBA Junior Welterweight (twice)
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 10 Alfonso Frazer, October 28, 1972
Eight years into his career, "Kid" Pambele becomes first Colombian champ
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 10 Nicolino Locche, W 15 Esteban DeJesus, L 15 Wilfred Benitez, KO 6 Carlos Gimenez, KO by 4 Aaron Pryor
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Made 16 successful title defenses in two separate stints as 140-pound king … An excellent puncher, he scored knockouts in 10 of his title defenses ... Title reigns interrupted only by fellow Hall of Famers Benitez and Pryor.

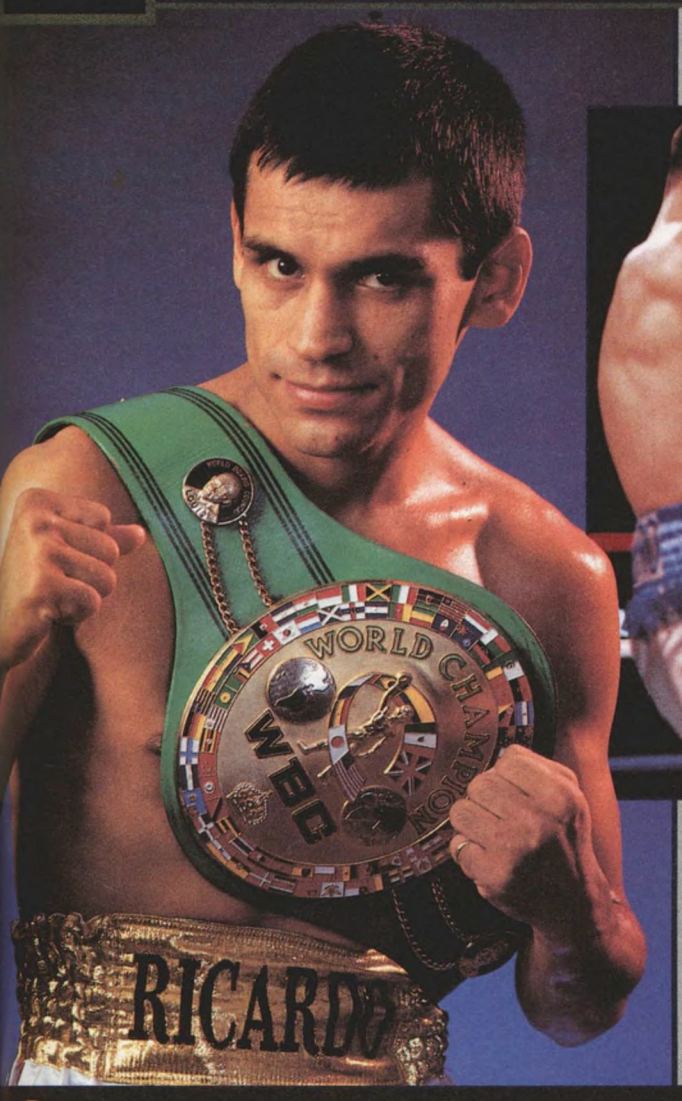


Cervantes strikes with a jab against Norman Sekgapane

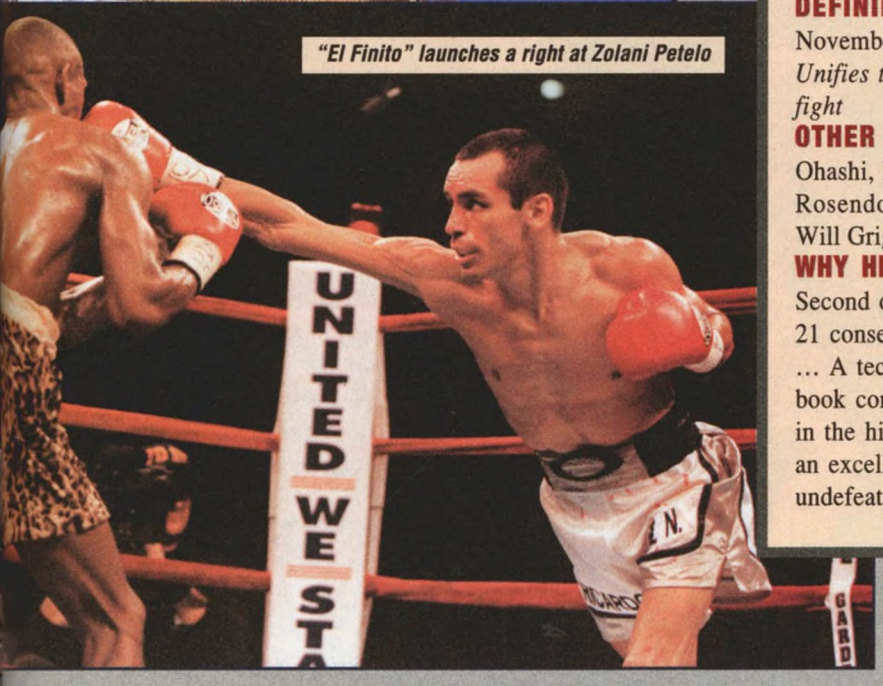


Shinichi Kadoto becomes a Cervantes victim

70 RICARDO LOPEZ



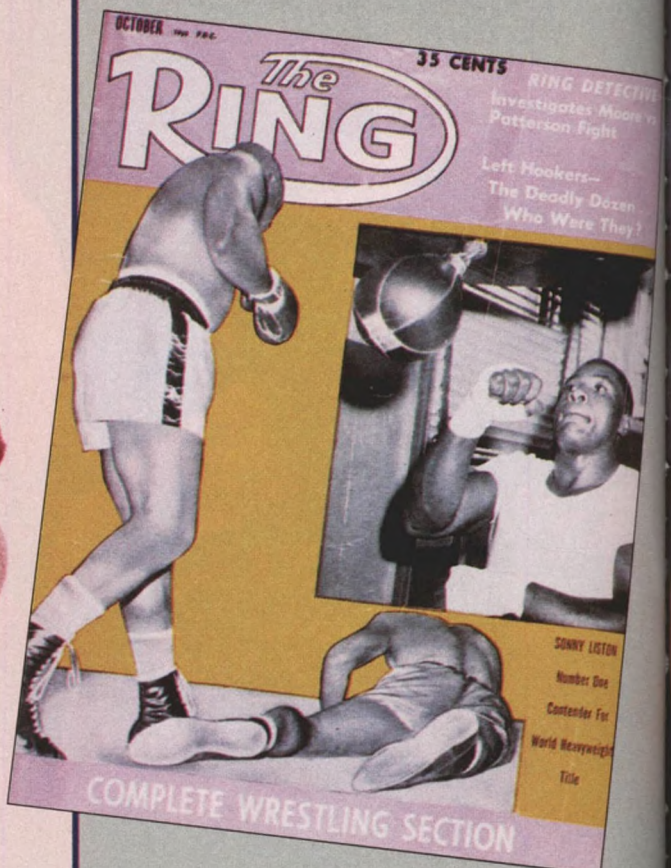
Lopez guts out a grueling win over Rosendo Alvarez

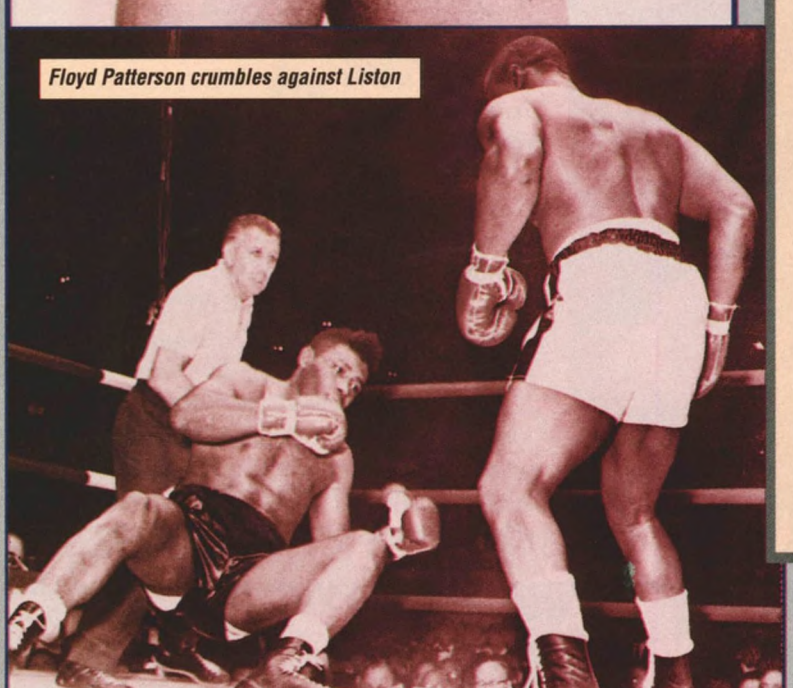


"El Finito" launches a right at Zolani Petelo

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 50-0-1 (37)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1985-present
TITLES HELD: WBC Strawweight, WBA Minimumweight, IBF Junior Flyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 12 Rosendo Alvarez, November 13, 1998
Unifies two-thirds of 105-pound title in toughest fight
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 5 Hideyuki Ohashi, KO 2 Saman Sorjaturong, Tech. Draw 7 Rosendo Alvarez, KO 5 Alex Sanchez, W 12 Will Grigsby
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Second only to Joe Louis in boxing history with 21 consecutives title defenses at a single weight … A technically sound fighter who throws textbook combinations … One of the best punchers in the history of the smaller weight classes, and an excellent finisher … Showing longevity, still undefeated at age 35.

71 SONNY LISTON





Floyd Patterson crumbles against Liston

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 50-4 (39)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1953-1970
TITLE HELD: World Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 1 Floyd Patterson, September 25, 1962
Awesome display of power made Liston the champ
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 2 Cleveland Williams, KO 3 Zora Folley, KO 1 Floyd Patterson (II), KO by 7 Muhammad Ali, KO by 1 Muhammad Ali
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Arguably boxing's most intimidating heavyweight champ … One of the division's best punchers ... Stiff left jab gets overlooked but was one of the best in boxing … Though exposed by Ali as a bully, was one of the most successful bullies ever.

72 MIKE TYSON

Tyson reaches his peak with win over Michael Spinks

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 49-4 (43) with 2 no-contests

YEARS FOUGHT: 1985-present

TITLES HELD: World Heavyweight

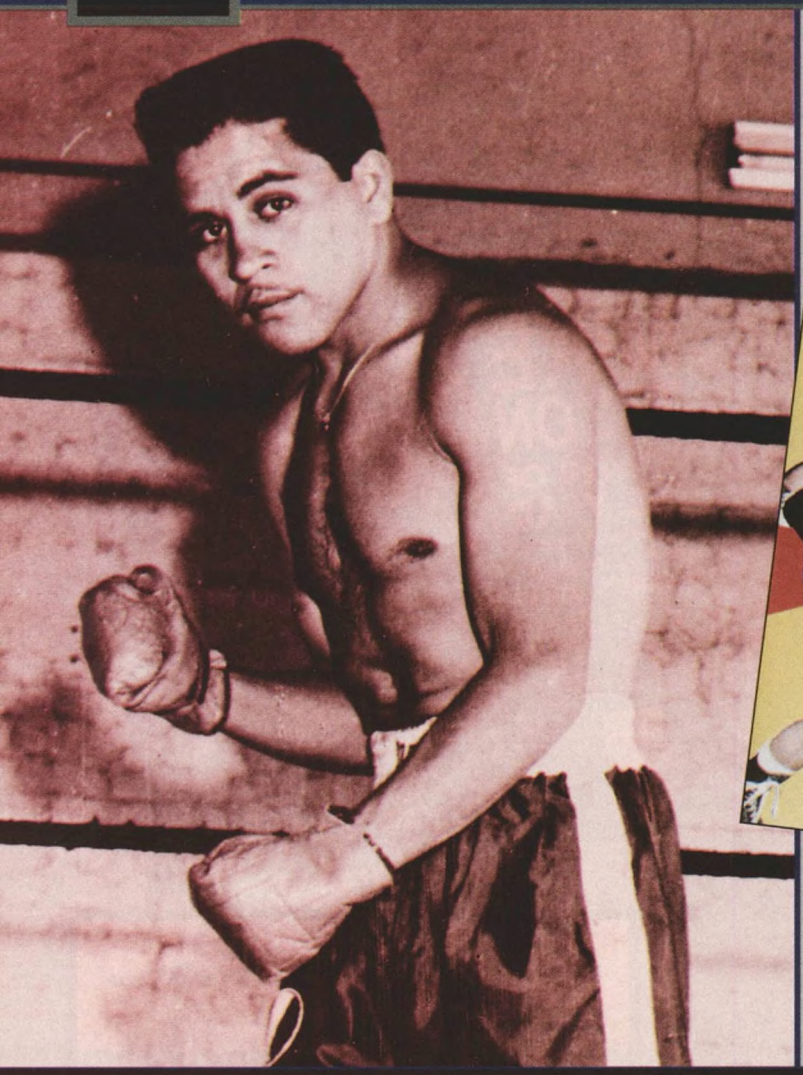
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 1 Michael Spinks, June 27, 1988

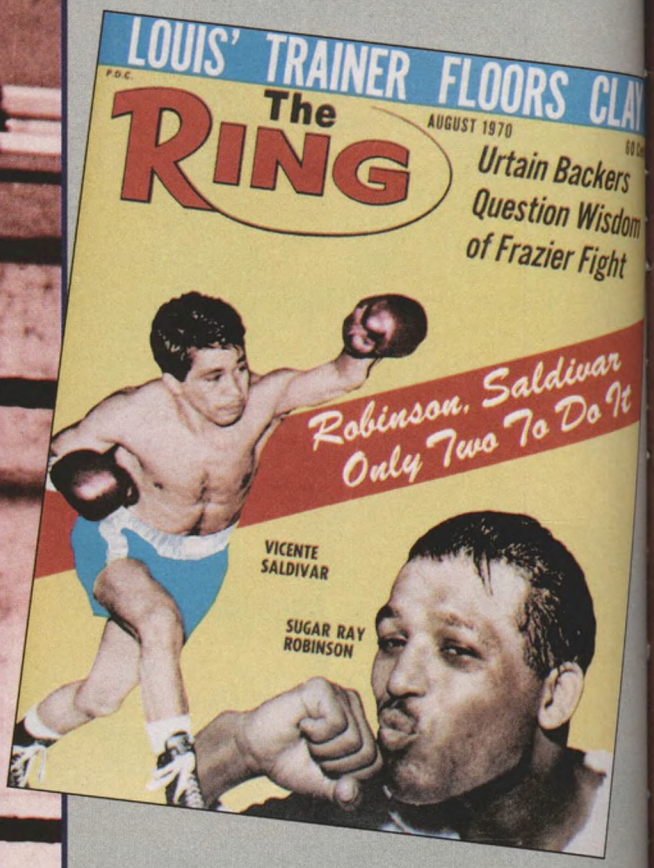
Crushes Spinks in battle of unbeatens

OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 2 Trevor Berbick, KO 4 Larry Holmes, KO by 10 Buster Douglas, KO 7 Razor Ruddock, L Disq. 3 Evander Holyfield

WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Exploded onto boxing scene with combination of speed and power and became youngest heavyweight titleholder in history ... Absolutely dominant during his prime, though quality of opposition has been questioned ... Could knock opponents out with either hand ... Ability to intimidate had many beaten before opening bell ... Boxing's biggest draw for a decade-and-a-half.

73 VICENTE SALDIVAR

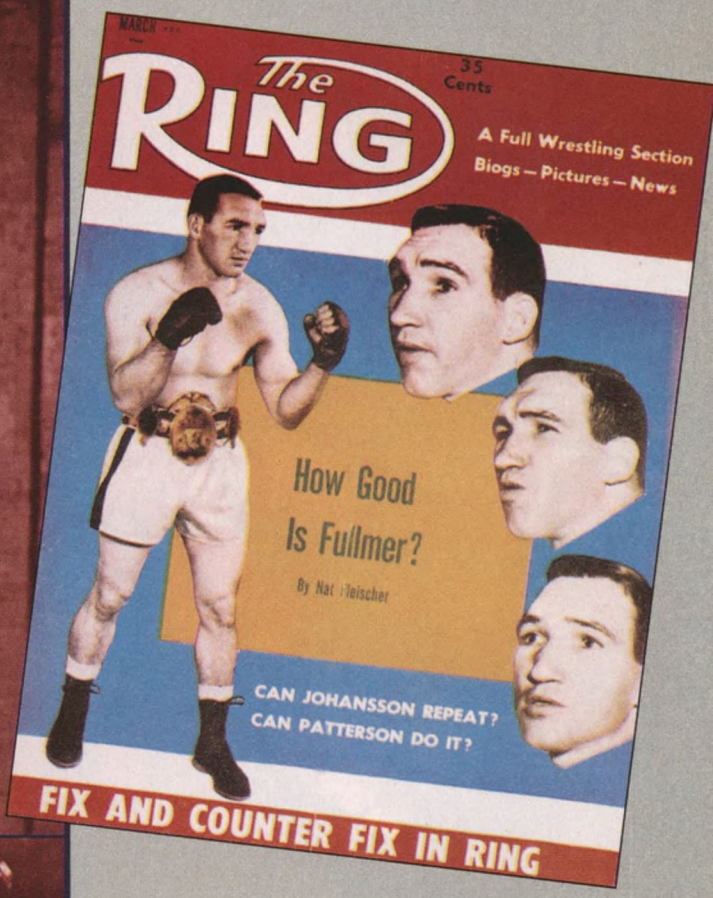




Saldivar has Frankie Crawford under fire

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 38-3 (27)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1961-1973
TITLE HELD: World Featherweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 12 Sugar Ramos, September 26, 1964
Forces the game Ramos into submission to win world title
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Ismael Laguna, W 15 Howard Winstone, KO 12 Howard Winstone, W 15 Johnny Famechon, KO by 4 Eder Jofre
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Southpaw dynamo who could box or bang ... Softened opponents with a terrific body attack ... Stamina among his greatest assets, scoring six knockouts after the seventh round ... Was one of the few fighters able to win another title after coming out of retirement ... Nearly perfect in first career, with just one loss (via disqualification) when he initially retired as champ.

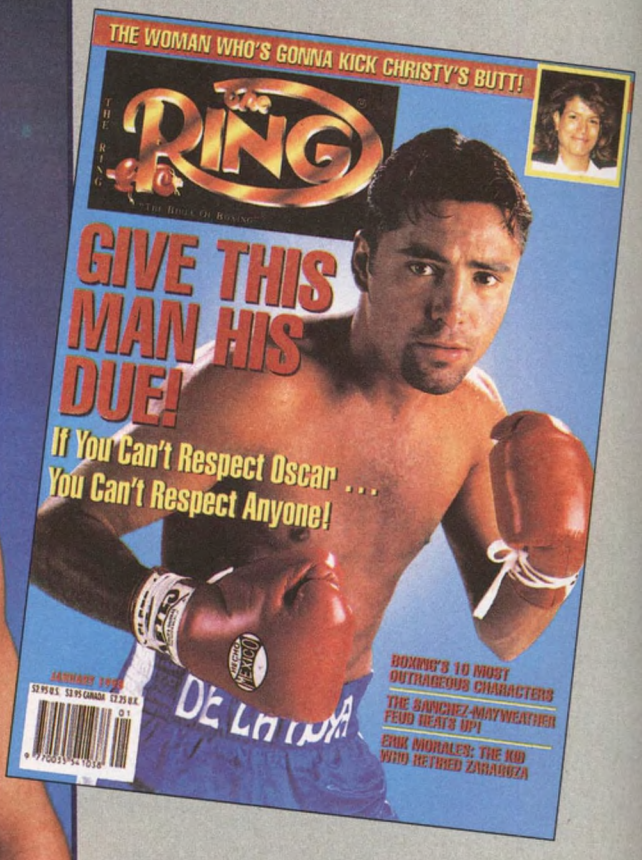
74 GENE FULLMER



Fullmer brawls his way past Carmen Basilio

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 55-6-3 (24)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1951-1963
TITLE HELD: World Middleweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Sugar Ray Robinson, January 2, 1957
Becomes middleweight champ in first of two wins over Robinson
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO by 5 Sugar Ray Robinson, KO 14 Carmen Basilio, D 15 Joey Giardello, W 15 Florentino Fernandez, D 15 Dick Tiger
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: An aggressive banger who mauled and brawled against the best middleweights in one of the division's finest eras … Physical strength was biggest asset … Extremely durable, stopped only twice … The last 11 bouts of his career were world title fights … Fought 10 bouts against fellow Hall of Famers … The only man to hang a pair of losses on both Robinson and Basilio.

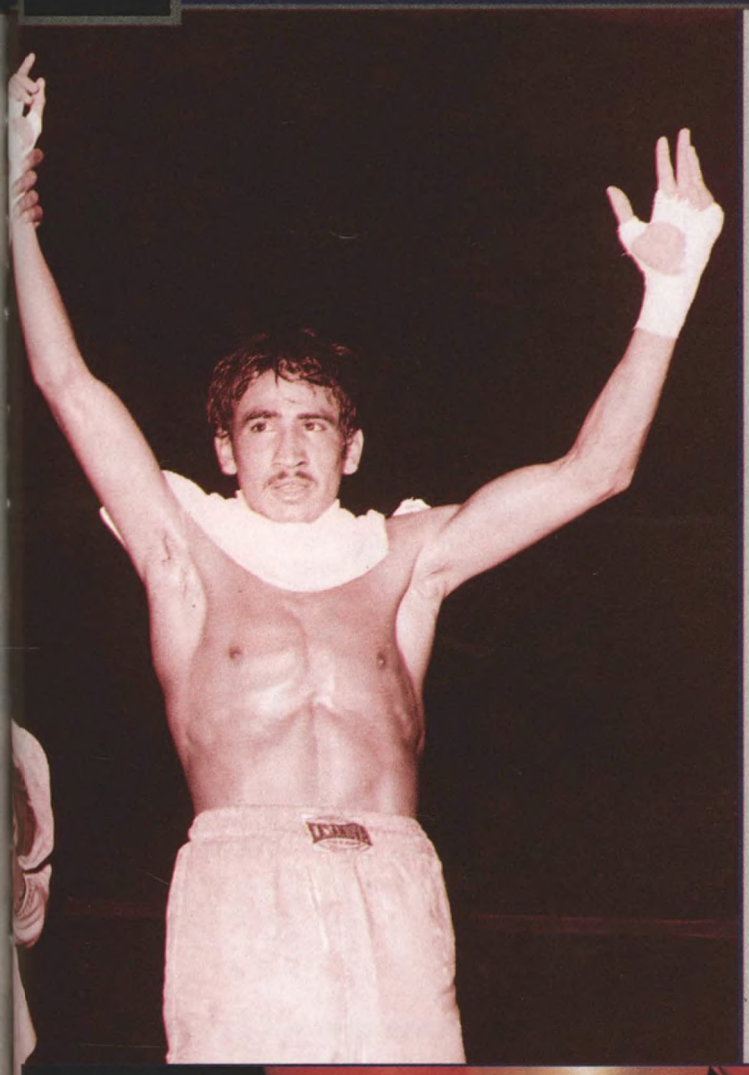
75 OSCAR DE LA HOYA



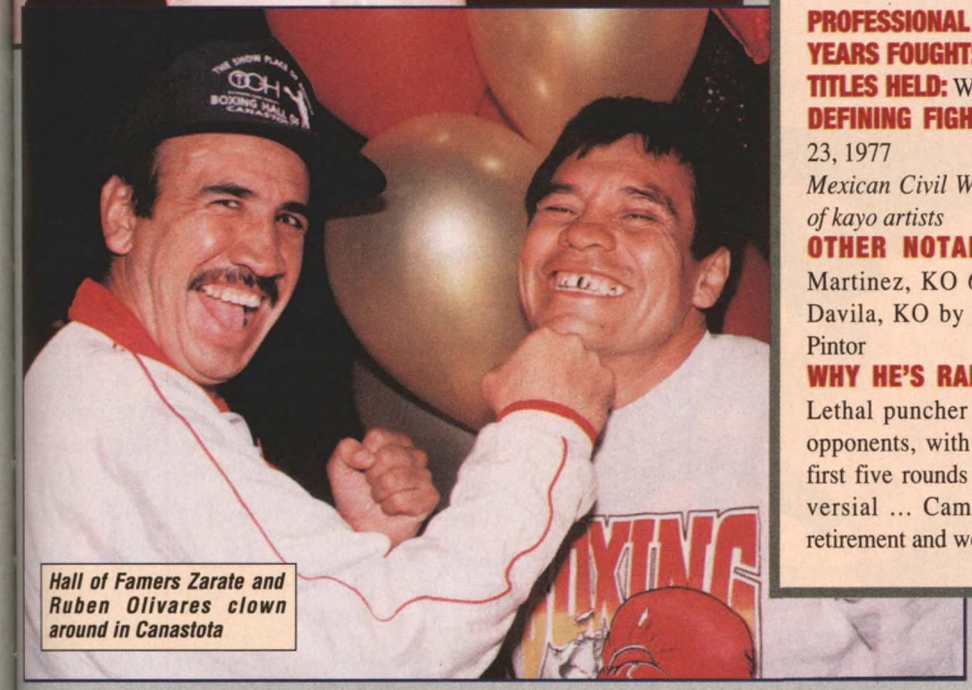
De La Hoya rallies to defeat Ike Quartey

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 34-2 (27)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1992-present
TITLES HELD: IBF Lightweight, WBC Super Lightweight, WBC Welterweight (twice), WBC Super Welterweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 4 Julio Cesar Chavez, June 7, 1996
Becomes a major star by vanquishing Mexican legend
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 2 Rafael Ruelas, W 12 Pernell Whitaker, W 12 Ike Quartey, L 12 Felix Trinidad, L 12 Shane Mosley
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: In a select group of fighters to hold titles in four weight classes ... Blessed with excellent power and hand speed ... An Olympic hero who made an immediate impact as a pro, beating six former titleholders in his first 20 fights ... By far the biggest non-heavyweight attraction of his time ... Fought nearly every worthy opponent in an era in which there were plenty.

76 CARLOS ZARATE



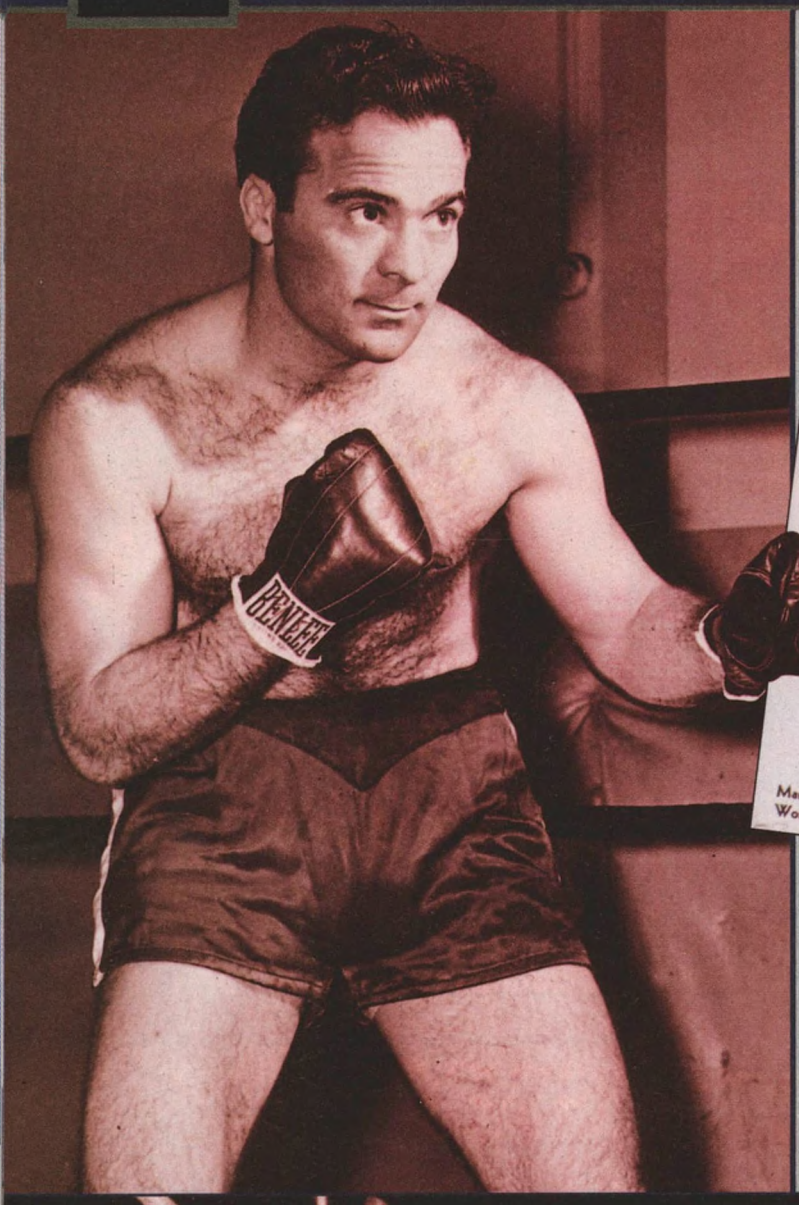
Zarate wins crucial showdown with Alfonso Zamora

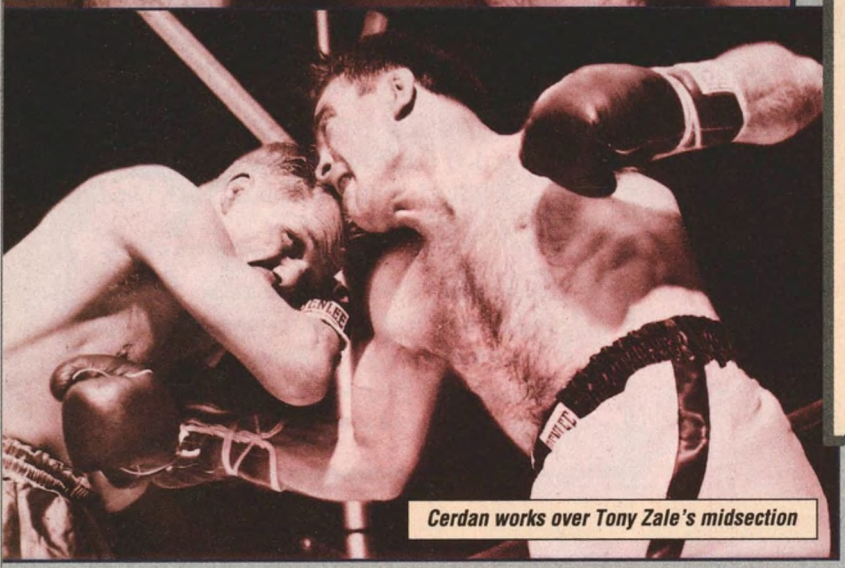


Hall of Famers Zarate and Ruben Olivares clown around in Canastota

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 61-4 (58)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1970-1988
TITLES HELD: WBC Bantamweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 4 Alfonso Zamora, April 23, 1977
Mexican Civil War: Outguns stablemate in battle of kayo artists
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 9 Rodolfo Martinez, KO 6 Danilo Batista, KO 8 Albert Davila, KO by 5 Wilfredo Gomez, L 15 Lupe Pintor
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Lethal puncher knocked out 46 of his first 47 opponents, with all but eight coming within the first five rounds ... Loss to Pintor highly controversial ... Came back in '86 after seven-year retirement and won 12 straight.

77 MARCEL CERDAN

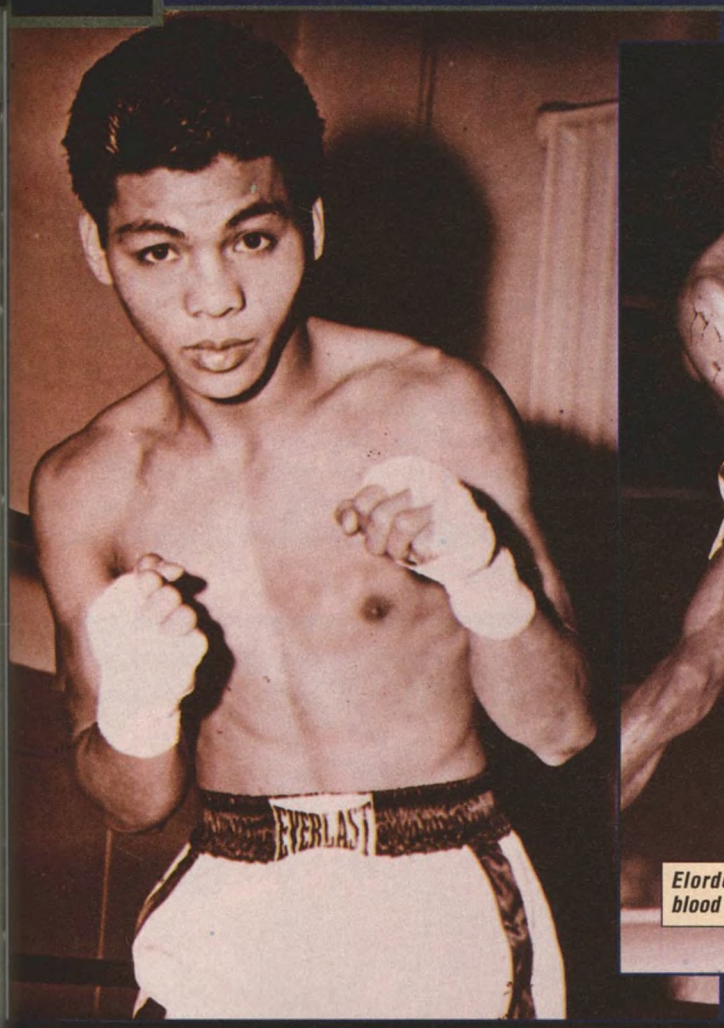


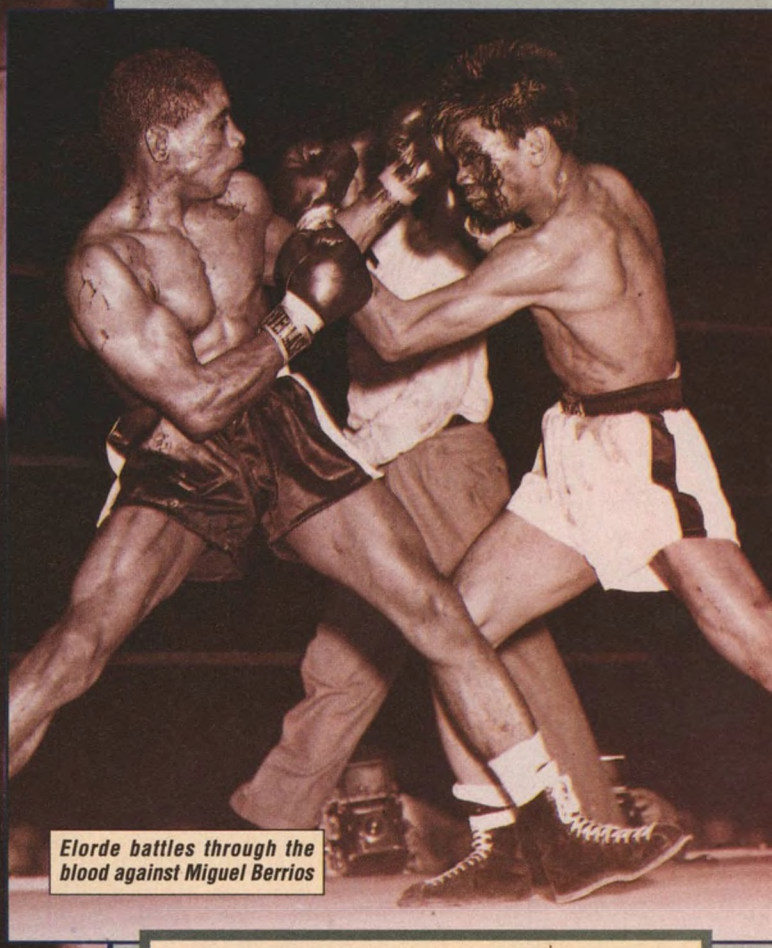


Cerdan works over Tony Zale's midsection

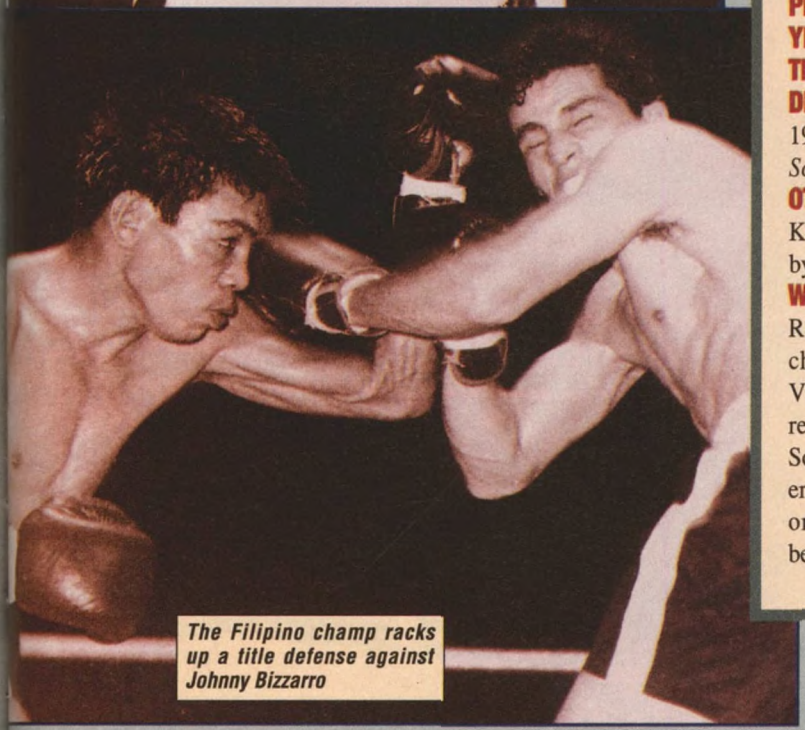
PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 106-4 (61)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1934-1949
TITLE HELD: World Middleweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 12 Tony Zale, September 21, 1949
European hero conquers world champ
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Holman Williams, W 10 Georgie Abrams, KO 2 Harold Green, KO 7 Dick Turpin, KO by 10 Jake LaMotta
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Unbeaten in first 46 pro fights … A good boxer with quick hands … Tragic death came at a time when he was just starting to fight more in United States, thus leaving career somewhat incomplete ... Magnificent record, but short title reign and lack of top-flight opposition on resume hurt standing.

78 FLASH ELORDE





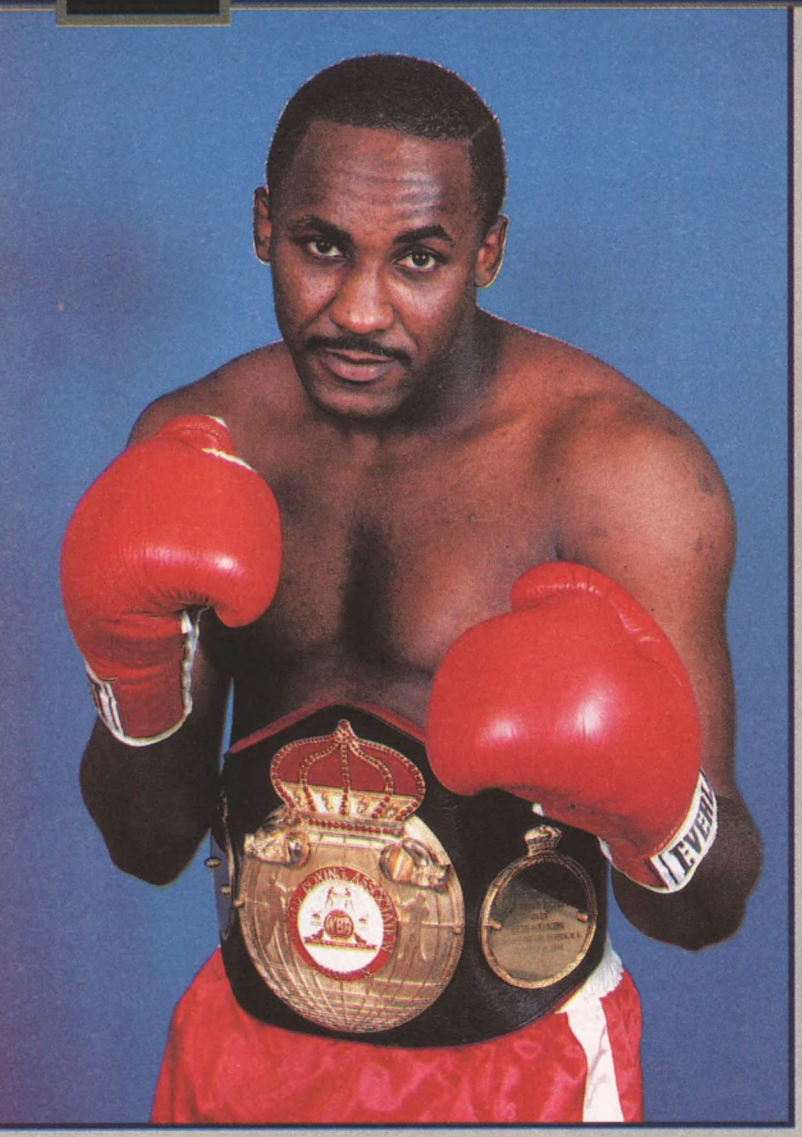
Elorde battles through the blood against Miguel Berrios



The Filipino champ racks up a title defense against Johnny Bizzarro

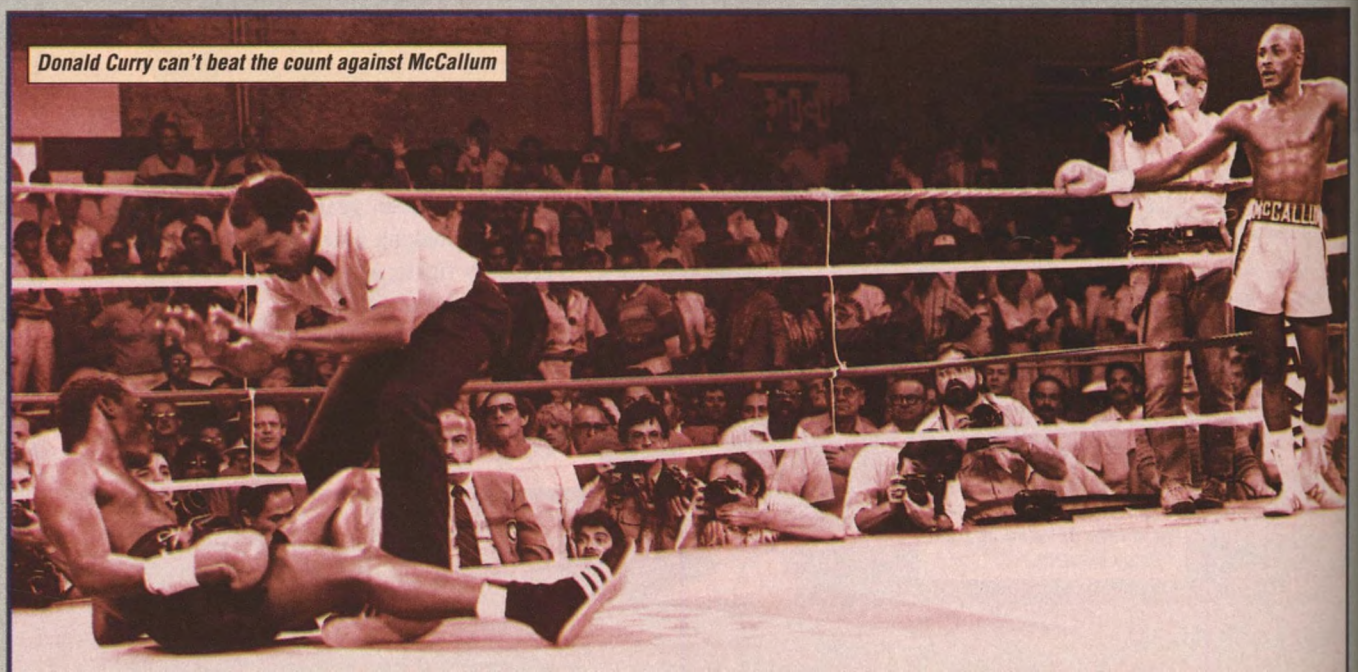
PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 88-27-2 (33)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1951-1971
TITLE HELD: World Junior Lightweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 7 Harold Gomes, March 16, 1960
Scores six knockdowns en route to the crown
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Sandy Saddler, KO 1 Harold Gomes, W 15 Johnny Bizzarro, KO by 14 Carlos Ortiz, W 10 Ismael Laguna
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Reigned for seven years as junior lightweight champion, making nine successful defenses ... Very busy fighter who simultaneously defended regional Oriental titles along with world title ... Southpaw boxer-puncher who fought the top fighters in three weight classes ... Was leading Saddler on scorecards during featherweight title bout before getting stopped due to a cut in the 13th.

79 MIKE McCALLUM



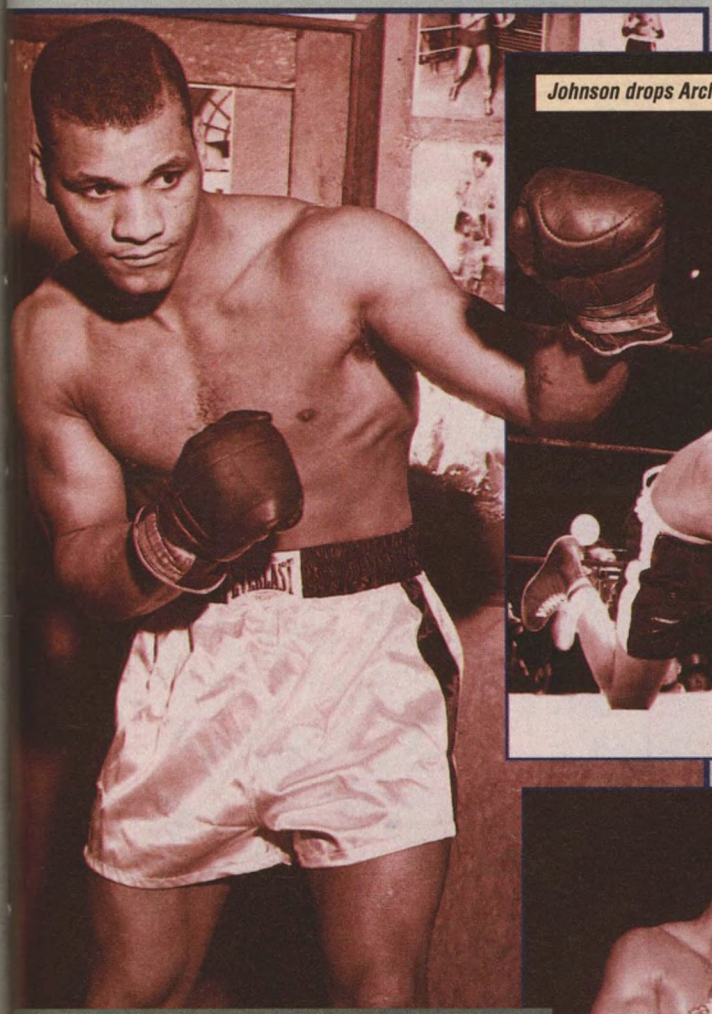
PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 49-5-1 (36)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1981-1997
TITLES HELD: WBA Junior Middleweight, WBA Middleweight, WBC Light Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: KO 5 Donald Curry, July 18, 1987 *Left hook decimates Curry on national TV*
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: KO 2 Julian Jackson, KO 10 Milton McCrory, KO 11 Michael Watson, W 12 Sumbu Kalambay, D 12 James Toney
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: Nicknamed "Bodysnatcher" because possessed one of the all-time great body attacks ... A complete fighter who did everything well in the ring ... Dueled with eight titlists ... Great power at junior middleweight, where he made six title defenses, all by knockout.

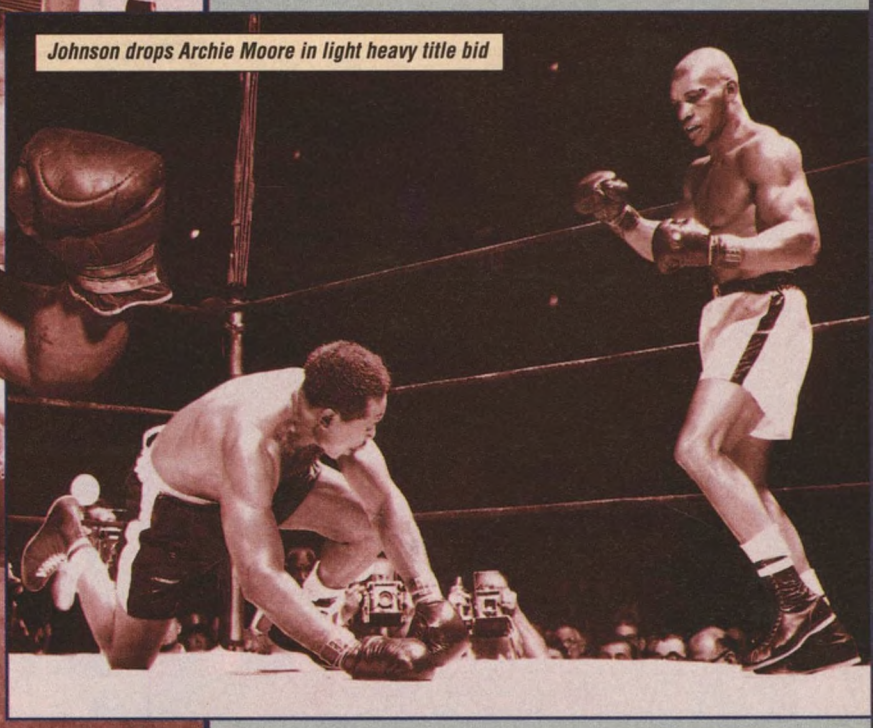
McCallum drills Julian Jackson with an uppercut



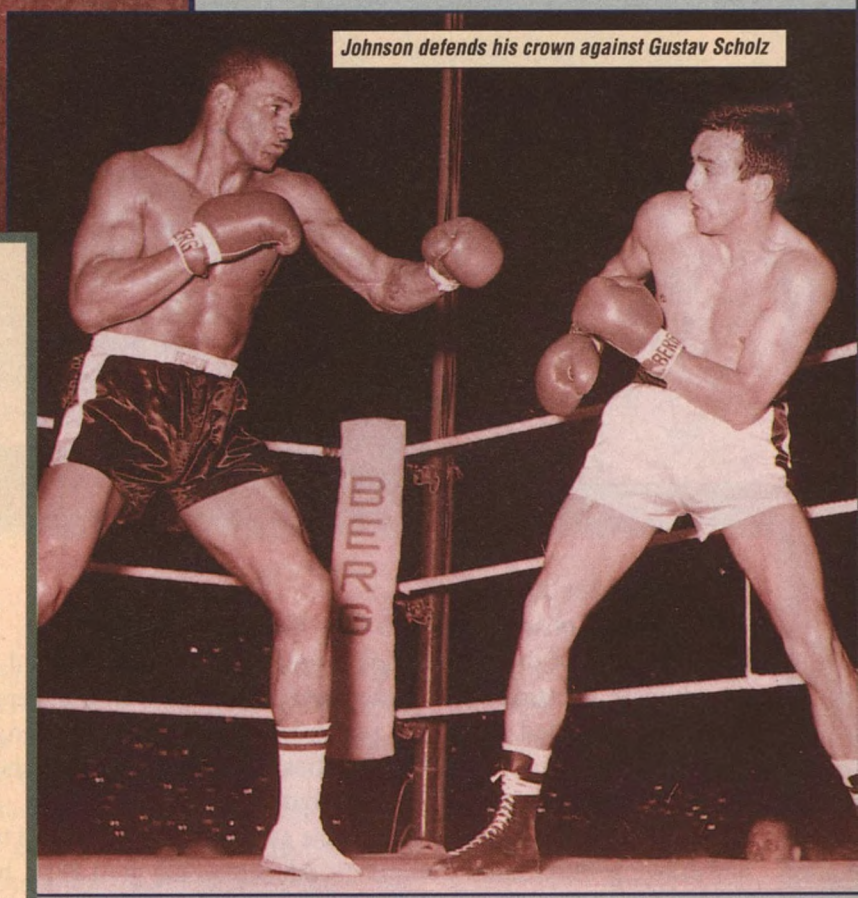
Donald Curry can't beat the count against McCallum

80 HAROLD JOHNSON





Johnson drops Archie Moore in light heavy title bid

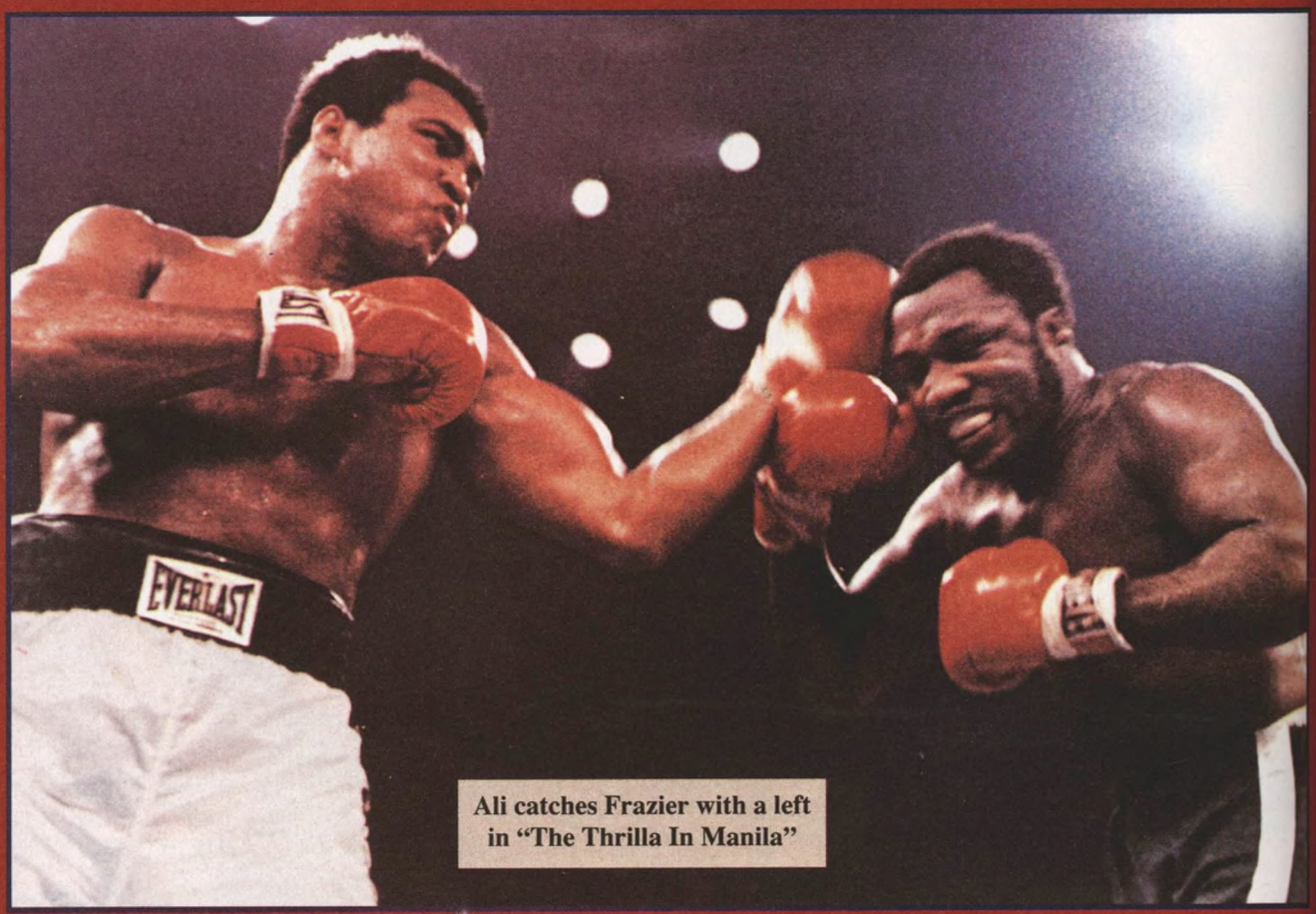


Johnson defends his crown against Gustav Scholz

PROFESSIONAL RECORD: 76-11 (32)
YEARS FOUGHT: 1946-1971
TITLE HELD: World Light Heavyweight
DEFINING FIGHT: W 15 Doug Jones, May 12, 1962
Wins undisputed title by outslicking a man few beat at 175 pounds
OTHER NOTABLE FIGHTS: W 10 Jimmy Bivins, W 10 Archie Moore, W 10 Ezzard Charles, KO by 14 Archie Moore, W 15 Eddie Cotton
WHY HE'S RANKED WHERE HE'S RANKED: One of the most technically efficient fighters ever … Fought the best heavyweights and light heavyweights in the world from the late-'40s through the early-'60s … Lack of punching power may have hurt his stature, as did brief title reign and misfortune of campaigning at the same time as Moore … Fought five fellow Hall of Famers and posted wins over three of them.

THE GREATEST HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

MUHAMMAD ALI KO 15 JOE FRAZIER



Ali catches Frazier with a left in "The Thrilla In Manila"

DATE: September 30, 1975
SITE: Araneta Coliseum, Quezon City, Philippines
SYNOPSIS: Two of the greatest heavyweights of all-time clashed in an apocalyptic rubber match, in which the ultimate questions were asked and answered with a super-human display of skill and courage. Ali started well, faded under the pressure of Frazier's withering attack, and then rallied back to close "Smokin'Joe's" right eye. Ali was ahead on the scorecards when Eddie Futch, Frazier's trainer, stopped the fight before the start of the final round.
AFTERMATH: Neither fighter was ever the same again. Frazier had two more bouts, losing to George Foreman and drawing with Jumbo Cummings. Ali kept going until 1981, but was a shadow of his former self.

THE GREATEST CRUISERWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

EVANDER HOLYFIELD W 15
DWIGHT MUHAMMAD QAWI

Qawi and Holyfield exchange bombs

DATE: July 12, 1986
SITE: Omni Coliseum, Atlanta, Georgia
SYNOPSIS: In only his 12th pro bout, Holyfield proved he was "The Real Deal" by going toe-to-toe with defending WBA 190-pound titleholder Qawi. The pace was torrid throughout, with both men taking turns dishing out punishment. Holyfield, who threw an average of more than 100 punches per round, outworked Qawi down the stretch to take the belt via split decision.
AFTERMATH: Holyfield went on to unify the cruiser crown, and then move up to the heavyweight division, where he was equally successful. Qawi got another crack at Holyfield in '87, but was stopped in the fourth round, which ended his days as a championship-caliber fighter.

THE GREATEST LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

ARCHIE MOORE KO 11 YVON DURELLE

Moore works his way back into the fight

DATE: December 10, 1958
SITE: The Forum, Montreal, Quebec
SYNOPSIS: Defending champion Moore seemed sure to leave the crown in Canada when the crude but powerful Durelle knocked him down three times in the first round and once in the fifth. But the 44-year-old Moore kept getting up, and when Durelle began to tire, "The Ol' Mongoose" staged an incredible rally. He decked Durelle in the seventh and 10th, and then capped his amazing comeback by knocking him out the next round.
AFTERMATH: They fought again the next year, but didn't come close to replicating their classic first encounter. Moore iced Durelle in four and remained 175-pound champion until 1961, by which time Durelle had already retired.

THE GREATEST SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

NIGEL BENN KO 10 GERALD McCLELLAN

McClellan absorbs a punishing right hand from Benn

DATE: February 25, 1995
SITE: London Arena, London, England
SYNOPSIS: Defending WBC super middleweight titleholder Benn was knocked clean out of the ring in the first round, but miraculously scrambled back inside in time to beat the count. There ensued a savage see-saw contest. Benn was down again in the eighth, but roared back to floor McClellan twice in the 10th round for a knockout victory.
AFTERMATH: McClellan collapsed in the ring shortly after the fight was stopped. He was rushed to the hospital, where brain surgery saved his life, but left him blind, partially deaf, and wheelchair bound for the rest of his life. Benn held on to the title until March '96, but never performed at such a high level again, and retired later that year.

THE GREATEST MIDDLEWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

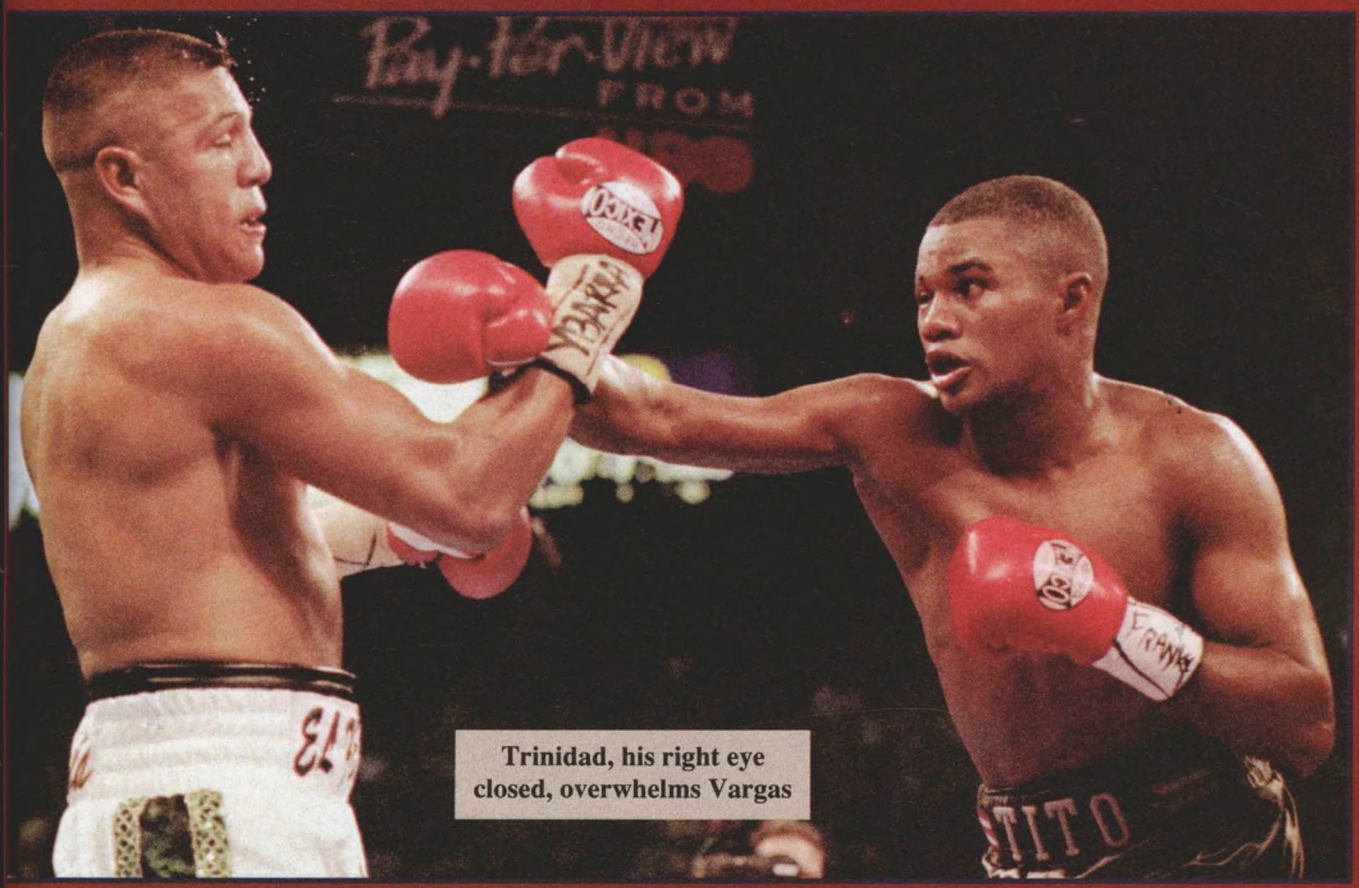
ROCKY GRAZIANO KO 6 TONY ZALE

Graziano comes back from the brink to beat Zale

DATE: July 16, 1947
SITE: Chicago Stadium, Chicago, Illinois
SYNOPSIS: In the second installment of their thrilling trilogy, Graziano, behind and fighting with both eyes almost swollen shut, suddenly turned things in his favor in the fifth. He hurt Zale late in the round, and then finished him in the sixth. It had been an ironic reversal of their first fight, when Zale had rallied from the brink to stop Graziano.
AFTERMATH: Zale prevailed in the rubber match, knocking out his arch-rival in third. In his very next fight, however, "The Man Of Steel" lost the title to Marcel Cerdan and retired. Graziano earned one more shot at the middleweight title, getting kayoed by Sugar Ray Robinson in '52.

THE GREATEST JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

FELIX TRINIDAD KO 12 FERNANDO VARGAS

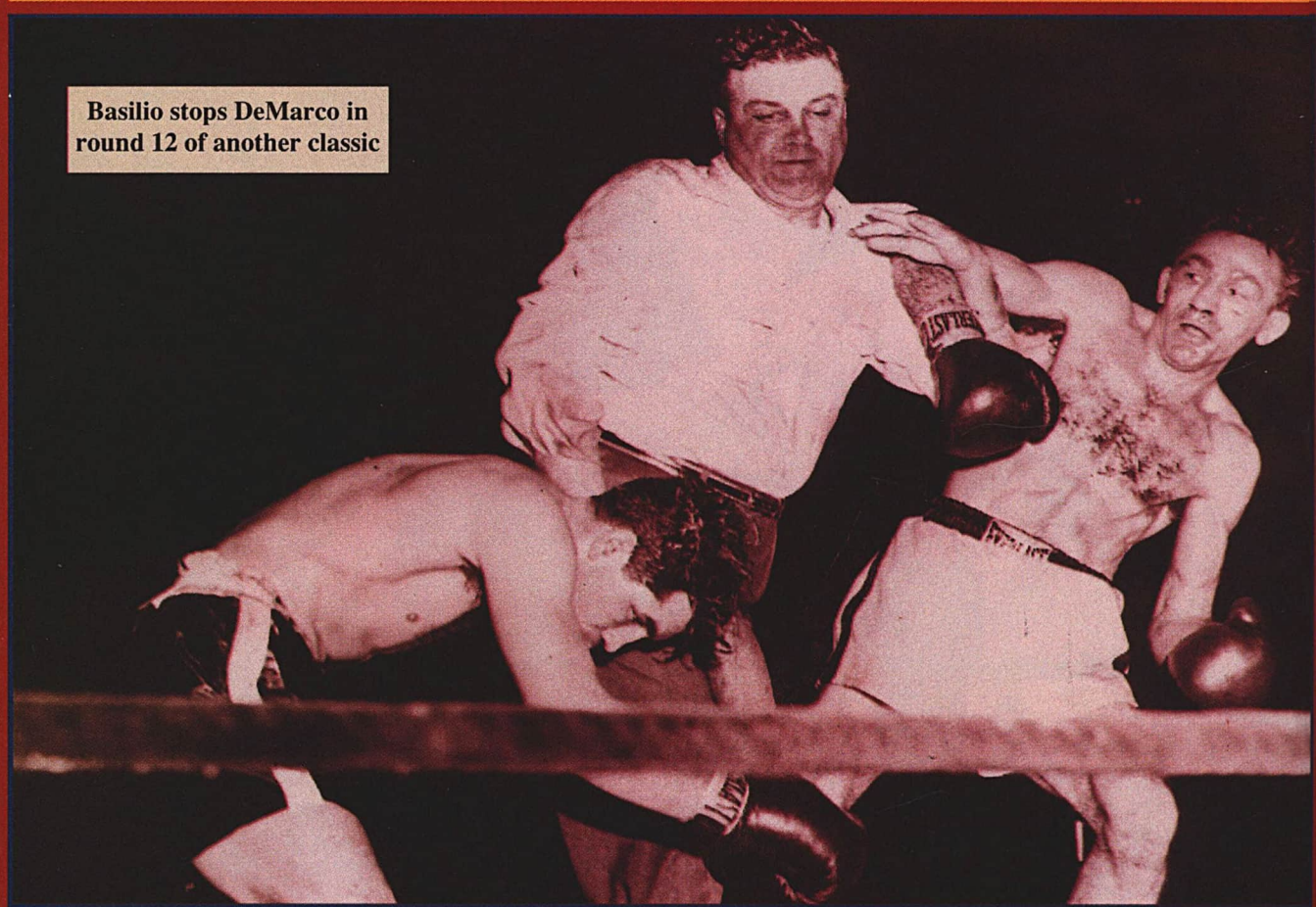


Trinidad, his right eye closed, overwhelms Vargas

DATE: December 2, 2000
SITE: Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, Nevada
SYNOPSIS: Forty seconds in, this looked like a one-sided blowout, as Vargas hit the deck for a *second* time, compliments of Trinidad's lethal left hook. Somehow, "El Feroz" survived and gradually fought his way back into the fight. He dropped "Tito" with a hook of his own in the fourth and dominated the fifth. But a right hand turned the fight back in Trinidad's favor in the sixth, and despite a valiant stand in the scorching ninth, Trinidad's power proved too much, and when he floored Vargas three more times in the 12th round, the fight was stopped.
AFTERMATH: Trinidad suffered his first defeat two fights later, when he was knocked out by Bernard Hopkins in a middleweight unification bout. Two fights after losing to Trinidad, Vargas captured the WBA super welterweight crown.

THE GREATEST WELTERWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

CARMEN BASILIO KO 12 TONY DeMARCO

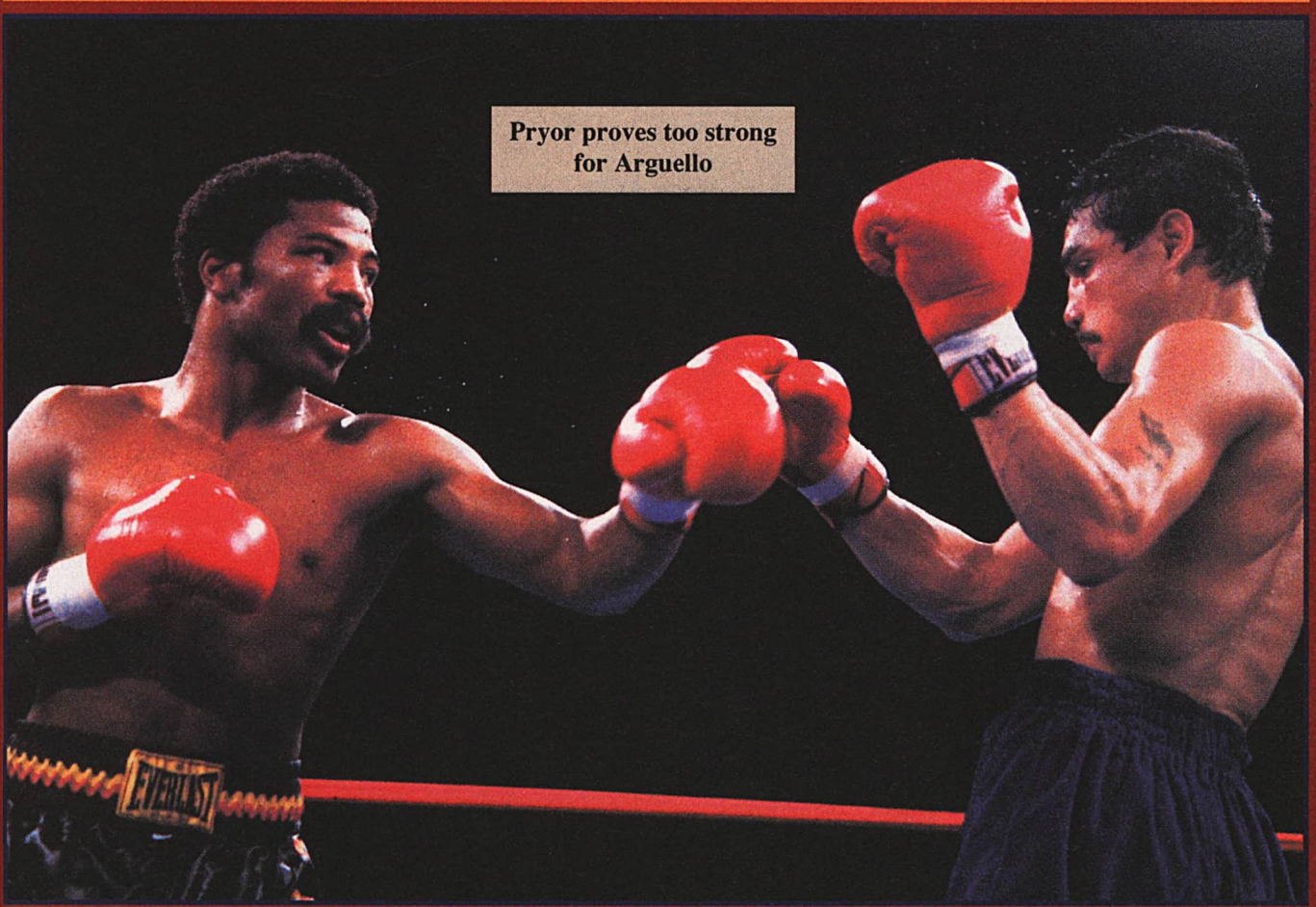


Basilio stops DeMarco in round 12 of another classic

DATE: November 30, 1955
SITE: Boston Garden, Boston, Massachusetts
SYNOPSIS: Basilio had taken the welterweight title away from DeMarco in an exhilarating brawl five months earlier, and the rematch was even better. After trading bombs the first six rounds, DeMarco staggered Basilio with a right in the seventh and battered him throughout the eighth. But Basilio kept going, took over in the ninth, and stopped his man with a pair of knockdowns in the 12th.
AFTERMATH: Basilio went on to lose and regain the 147-pound title against Johnny Saxton. Then he moved up to middleweight, where he won and lost the title in two timeless bouts with Ray Robinson. DeMarco failed in two future bids to regain the welter belt, losing to Virgil Akins both times.

THE GREATEST JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

AARON PRYOR KO 14 ALEXIS ARGUELLO



Pryor proves too strong for Arguello

Date: November 12, 1982
SITE: Orange Bowl, Miami, Florida
SYNOPSIS: In an attempt to win a title in a fourth division, Arguello challenged WBA 140-pound titlist Pryor, an undefeated whirlwind whose style reminded some of the incomparable Henry Armstrong. Arguello landed his potent right hand again and again, but Pryor walked through the Nicaraguan's best shots and wore him down with a non-stop barrage of his own. By the time he was rescued in the 14th, Arguello has been reduced to a punching bag.
AFTERMATH: A rematch the following year saw Pryor stop Arguello again in what amounted to a rout. Pryor never lost the title in the ring, but fell victim to drug abuse and was eventually stripped.

THE GREATEST LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

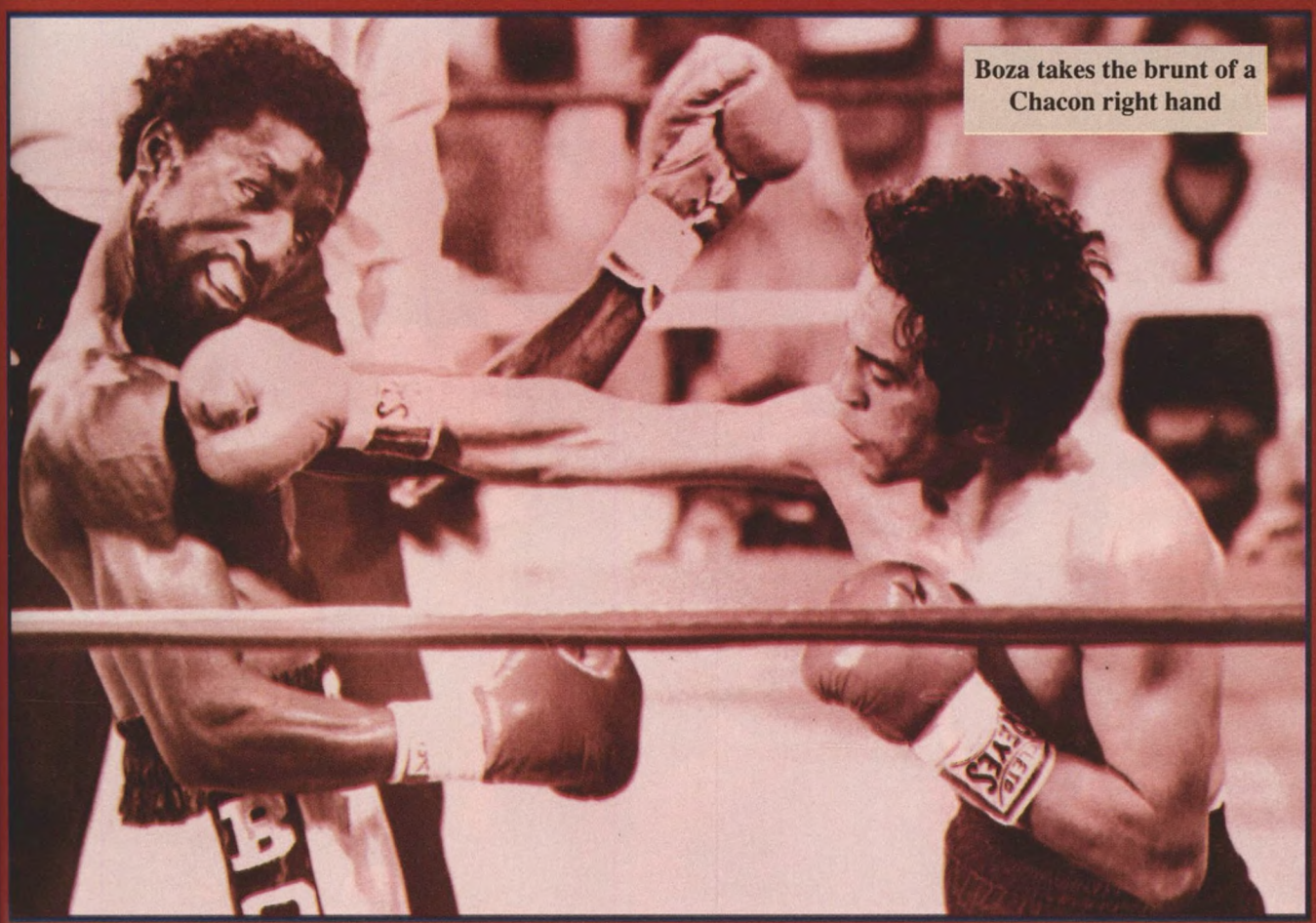
HENRY ARMSTRONG W 15
LOU AMBERS

"Hammerin' Hank" sends Ambers to the canvas

DATE: August 17, 1938
SITE: Madison Square Garden, New York, New York
SYNOPSIS: While this fight is remembered primarily for its historic significance—this was the night Armstrong, the reigning featherweight and welterweight king, won his third title—it was also a classic duel, filled with plots and subplots. Armstrong did plenty of good work, scoring two knockdowns, but Ambers had his moments as well, opening cuts around both of Armstrong's eyes and one inside his mouth that would require 37 stitches. Still, Armstrong seemed to have gotten the better of it, but he lost three points for fouls, leaving the verdict in doubt until the split nod in his favor was announced.
AFTERMATH: There was a rematch one year later, and this time Armstrong lost *five* points for fouls, allowing Ambers to eke out the decision and reclaim the lightweight title. Armstrong, meanwhile, reigned for another 15 months as welterweight champ.

THE GREATEST JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

BOBBY CHACON W 12 CORNELIUS BOZA-EDWARDS

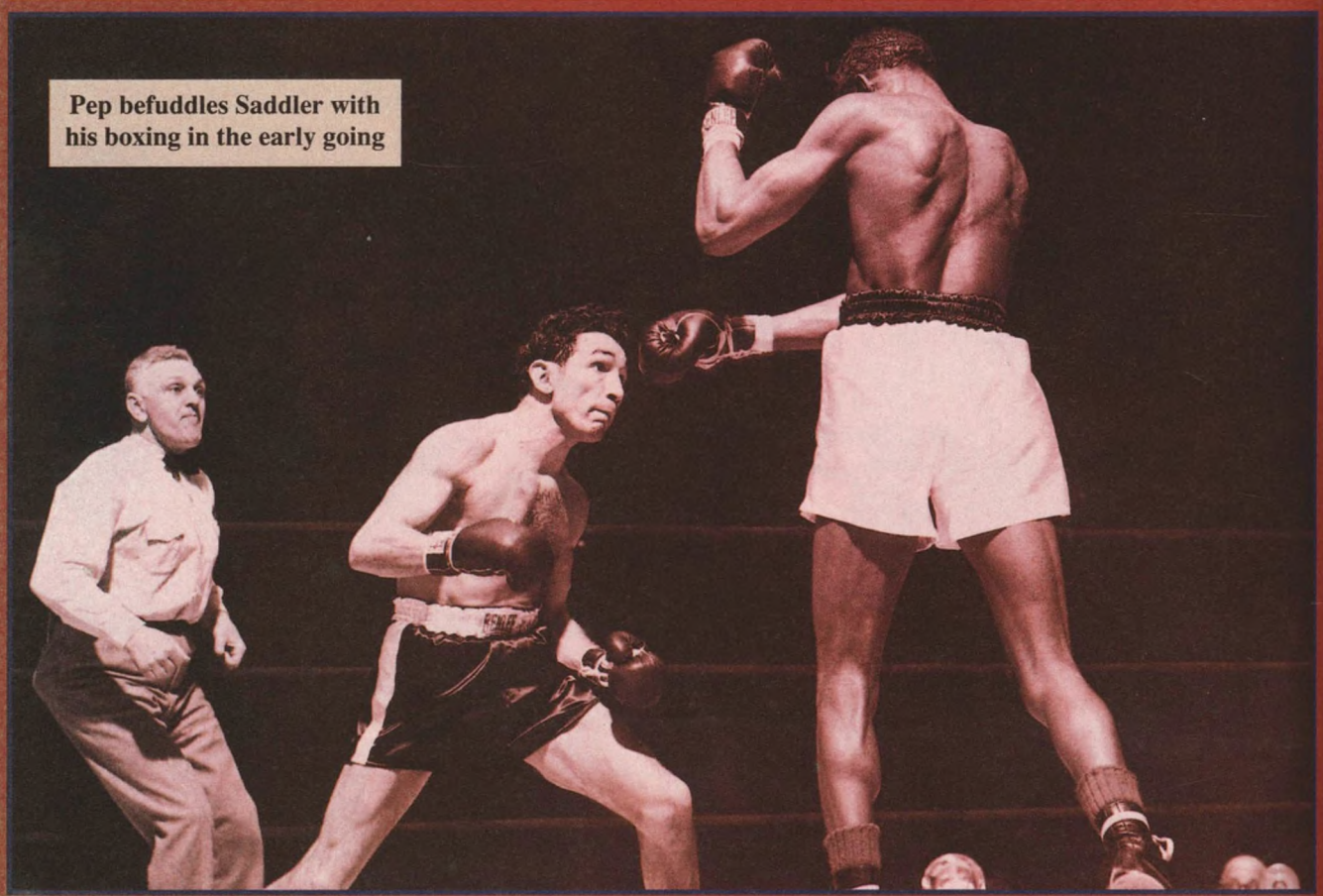


Boza takes the brunt of a Chacon right hand

DATE: May 15, 1983
SITE: Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada
SYNOPSIS: Refusing to lose, Chacon, who had fallen to Boza-Edwards by 14th-round kayo two years earlier, won one toe-to-toe exchange after another and scored knockdowns in the first, second, and 12th rounds. But he also was floored himself in round three, and was nearly stopped on account of cuts at several junctures. This was Chacon's day, however, and he finished the fight and won the unanimous decision and the WBC title.
AFTERMATH: Chacon was stripped of the belt one month later for failing to defend against Hector Camacho. Both fighters remained in contention for a few years, but neither ever scored another major win.

THE GREATEST FEATHERWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

WILLIE PEP W 15 SANDY SADDLER

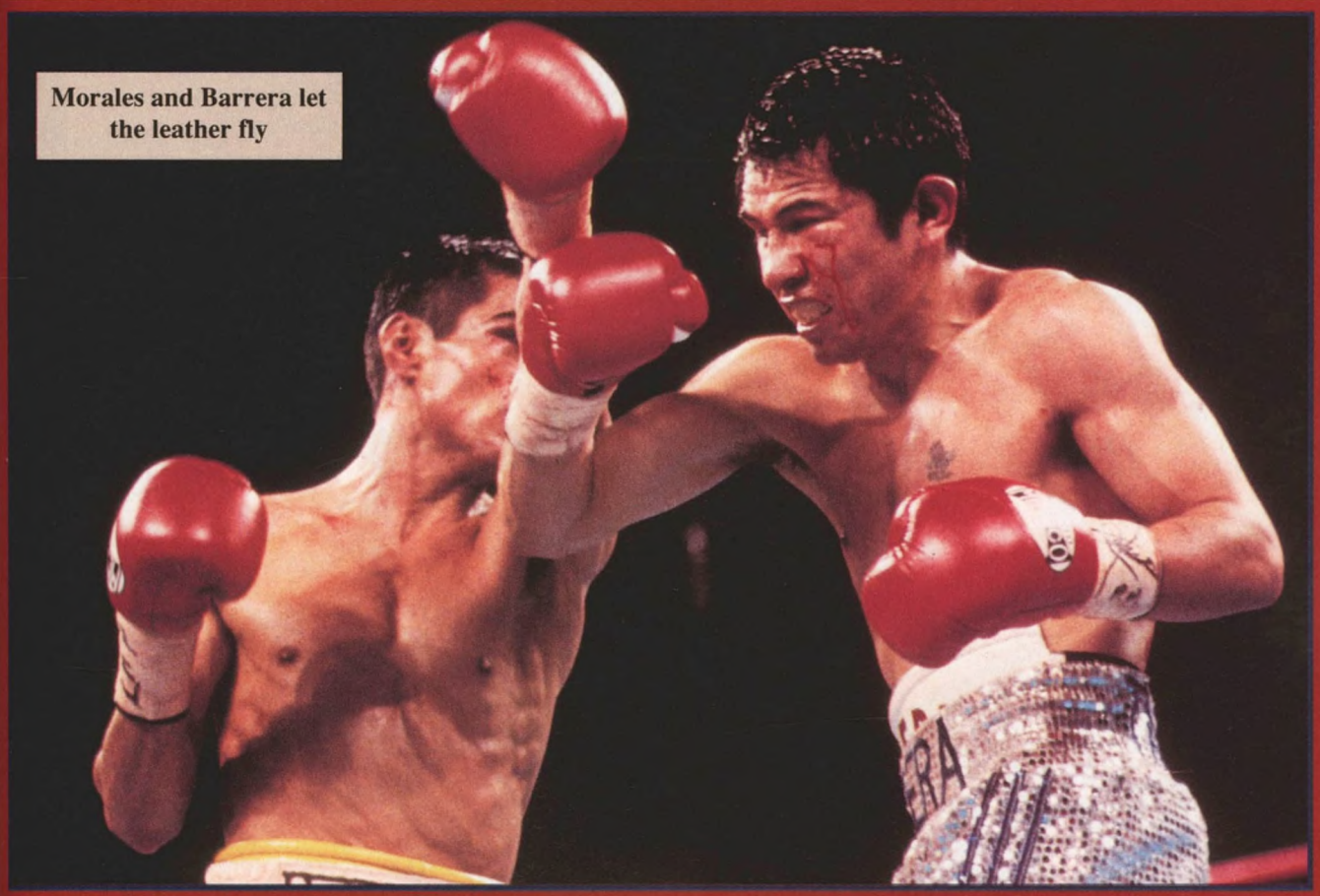


Pep befuddles Saddler with his boxing in the early going

DATE: February 11, 1949
SITE: Madison Square Garden, New York, New York
SYNOPSIS: The second bout of the historic four-bout Saddler-Pep series was a tale of two fights, ending with a gripping race against the clock. Pep, fighting to regain his title from the man to whom he'd lost it by knockout less than four months earlier, boxed masterfully for eight rounds, building a nearly insurmountable lead. But Saddler mounted a tremendous second-half rally, and nearly had Pep kayoed in the 15th round. The legendary defensive whiz found a way to survive, however, and though badly bloodied, won a narrow unanimous decision.
AFTERMATH: Saddler won both the rubber match in '50 and the foul-infested fourth fight in '51, leaving both names forever linked in boxing history.

THE GREATEST JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

ERIK MORALES W 12
MARCO ANTONIO BARRERA

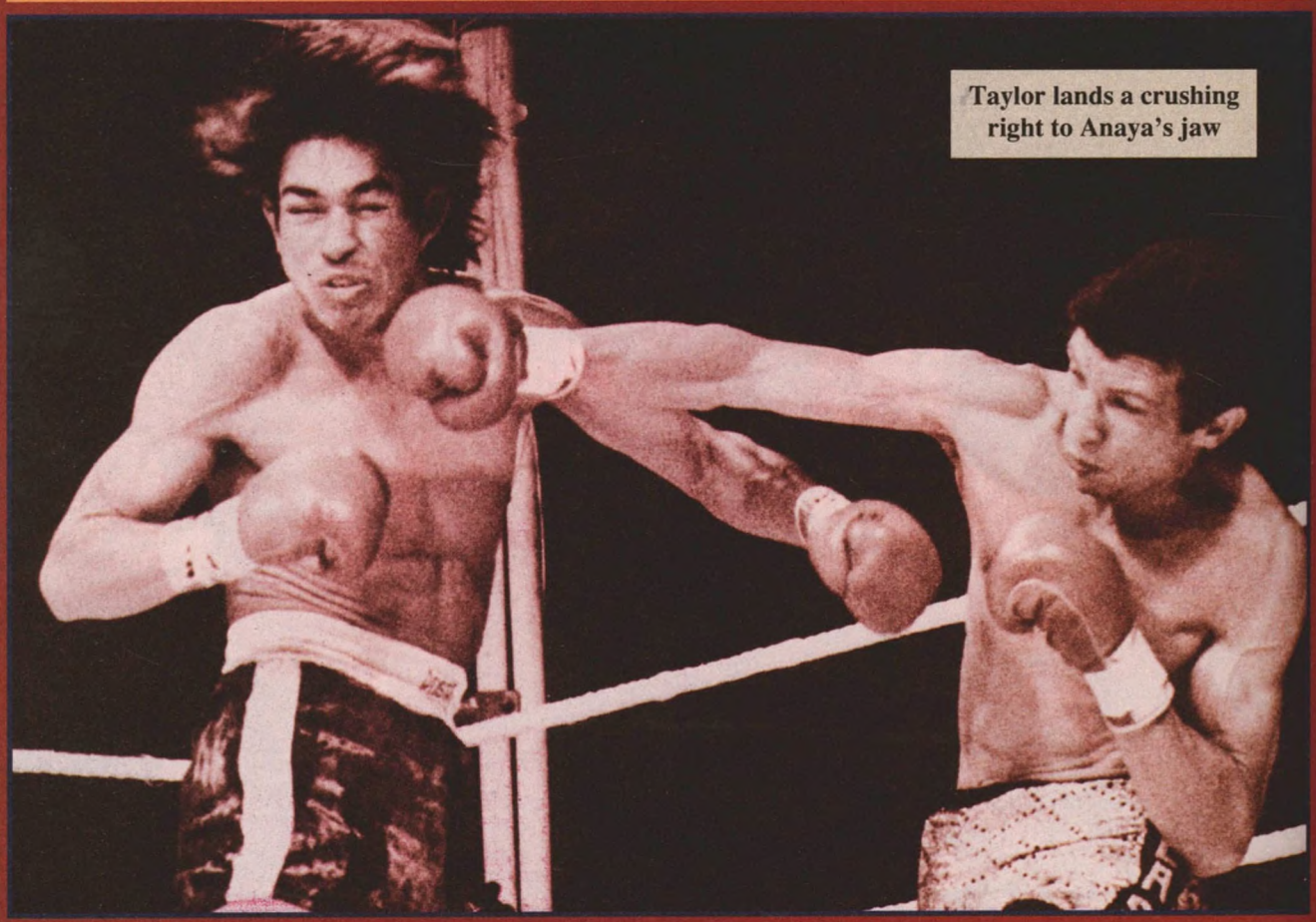


Morales and Barrera let the leather fly

DATE: February 19, 2000
SITE: Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, Nevada
SYNOPSIS: Even a decision that defied logic wasn't enough to spoil a fight that defied the expected limits of human endurance. For 12 rounds, underdog Barrera waged war with the unbeaten Morales, generally staying a half step ahead in this brutal collision of steel-chinned Mexican powerpunchers. The fifth round featured all-time classic two-way warfare, and the 12th was highlighted by a controversial knockdown call that seemed to secure the fight for Barrera. But it was Morales who took the dubious split decision in the end.
AFTERMATH: They had to do it again, but it took more than two years to put it together. This time, Barrera won a close, controversial decision at featherweight in a fight that was entertaining, but far shy of its predecessor.

THE GREATEST BANTAMWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

ARNOLD TAYLOR KO 14 ROMEO ANAYA

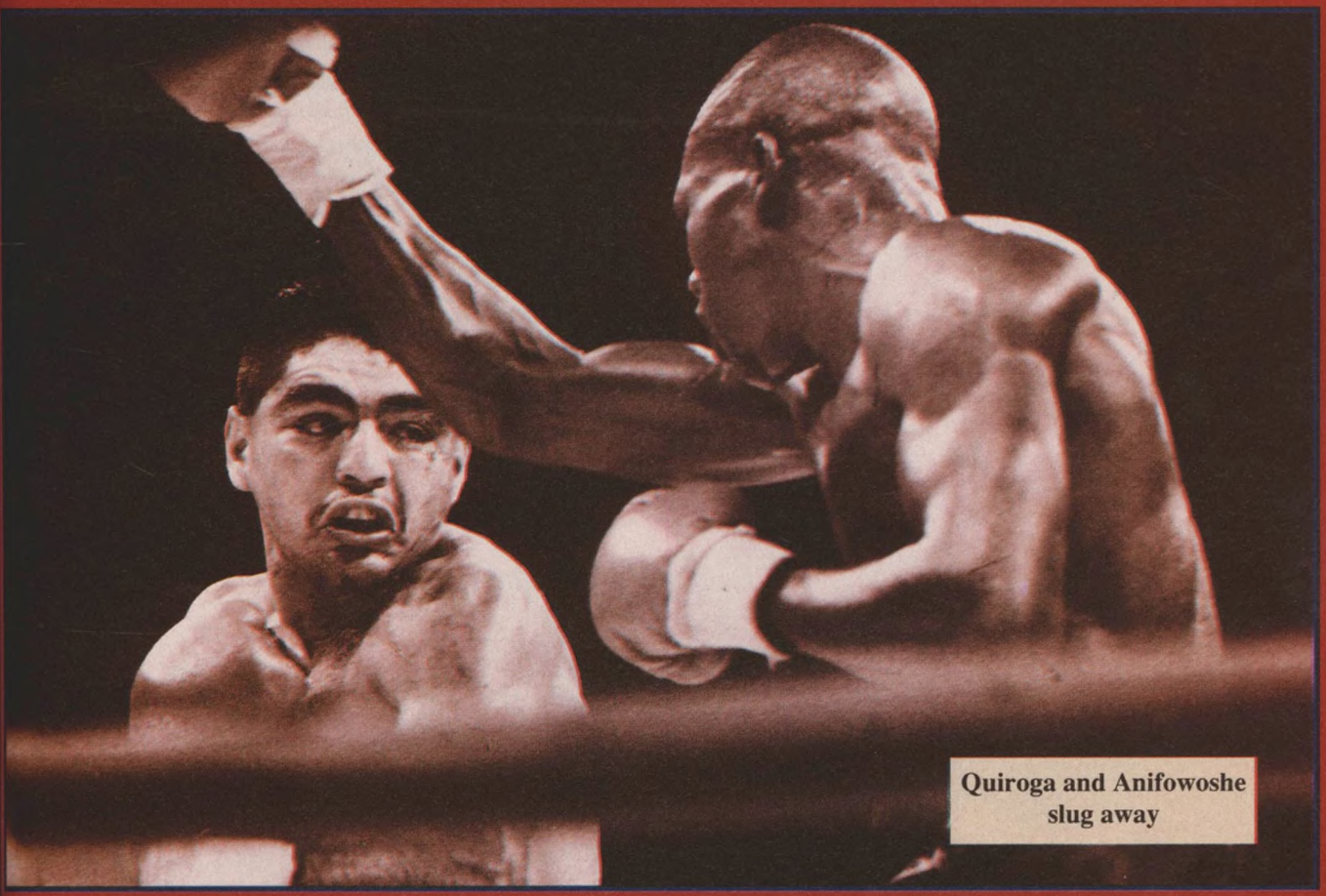


Taylor lands a crushing right to Anaya's jaw

DATE: November 3, 1973
SITE: Rand Stadium, Johannesburg, South Africa
SYNOPSIS: In a bout that packed the sort of drama normally reserved for Rocky movies, local favorite Taylor won the world 118-pound title with one of the most incredible rallies the sport has ever seen. Taylor rose from three knockdowns in the eighth round and another in the 10th to put together a furious 14th-round assault, eventually ending the fight with a one-punch knockout of Anaya.
AFTERMATH: Taylor lost the title in his first defense, then defeated Anaya again, by eighth-round knockout, in June '75. Neither went on to achieve much in the ring after that, and Taylor died in an auto accident in November '81 at the age of 38.

THE GREATEST JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

ROBERT QUIROGA W 12 KID AKEEM ANIFOWOSHE



Quiroga and Anifowoshe slug away

DATE: June 15, 1991
SITE: HemisFair Arena, San Antonio, Texas
SYNOPSIS: One look at the postfight scene was all you needed to understand how brutal this fight was. On one side of the ring stood Quiroga, the winner, looking like the loser with a multitude of cuts and both eyes badly swollen. On the other side lay Anifowoshe, in a pool of blood, slipping into a coma. After 12 head-on, all-action rounds, Quiroga got the narrow unanimous decision, while all Kid Akeem got was a fight for his life.
AFTERMATH: Anifowoshe survived, but at age 22, his career was over. He later turned to drugs and was deported from the U.S. to his native Nigeria, where he died in December 1994 from brain injuries. Quiroga was nowhere near as unfortunate, but he would fight only four more times before retiring.

THE GREATEST FLYWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

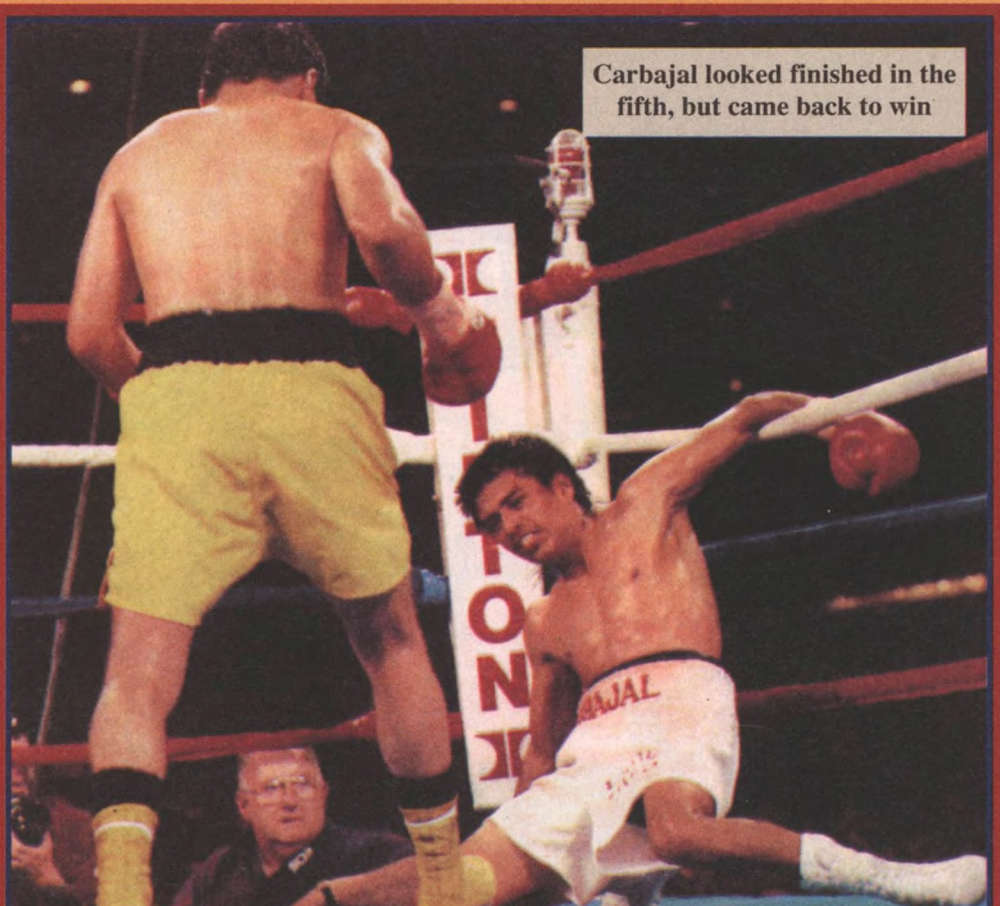
CHARTCHAI CHIONOI KO 13 EFREN TORRES

Torres, blood streaming down his face, fires a right at Chionoi

DATE: January 28, 1968
SITE: El Toreo bullring, Mexico City, Mexico
SYNOPSIS: This was probably the most grueling and bloody title fight in flyweight history, and a controversial one to boot. Fighting in challenger Torres' backyard, Chionoi opened a nasty cut over his opponent's left eye in round two, but it was the champion whose eyes were nearly swollen shut by the middle rounds. In the 13th, however, referee Arthur Mercante determined that Torres' gash was too severe to continue, giving Chionoi the victory in a bout that was dead even on the scorecards.
AFTERMATH: Torres deservedly got a second opportunity 13 months later in Mexico City, and took the world title by eighth-round stoppage. But when they went to Chionoi's native Bangkok for the rubber match, the Thailander regained the title via unanimous decision.

THE GREATEST JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

MICHAEL CARBAJAL KO 7 CHIQUITA GONZALEZ



Carbajal looked finished in the fifth, but came back to win

DATE: March 13, 1993
SITE: Las Vegas Hilton, Las Vegas, Nevada
SYNOPSIS: In a major (by 108-pounders' standards) battle to unify two-thirds of the crown, 4-1 favorite Carbajal rallied from two knockdowns, the second one leaving him barely conscious, to stop Gonzalez in a wildly unpredictable slugfest. Carbajal, unexpectedly choosing to brawl rather than box, suffered a flash knockdown in the second round and a brutal knockdown in the fifth, but an awesome left hook to the chin in the seventh resulted in a miracle kayo. Gonzalez, leading comfortably on the cards, crashed face-first and was counted out at the 2:59 mark.
AFTERMATH: Gonzalez, boxing more carefully, won decisions in both the rematch and the rubber match, before losing his title to Saman Sorjaturong in probably the second-greatest junior fly fight of all-time.

THE GREATEST STRAWWEIGHT FIGHT OF THE LAST 80 YEARS

RICARDO LOPEZ W 12 ROSENDO ALVAREZ

Lopez battles through the blood to edge Alvarez

DATE: November 13, 1998
SITE: Las Vegas Hilton, Las Vegas, Nevada
SYNOPSIS: In the rematch to their inconclusive technical draw of eight months earlier, a fight in which Lopez was knocked down for the first time in his 47-fight career, the unbeaten 105-pound titleholders went at it again in a ferocious bloodbath that revealed the warrior in Lopez and established Alvarez as his greatest rival. It was Lopez' finesse and fury vs. Alvarez' strength and power, and despite a horribly gashed and swollen face, it was "El Finito" who captured the well-deserved split decision in one of the most skillfully fought brawls of all-time.
AFTERMATH: Both moved up and won titles at 108 pounds, but an eagerly anticipated third fight has thus far failed to materialize.

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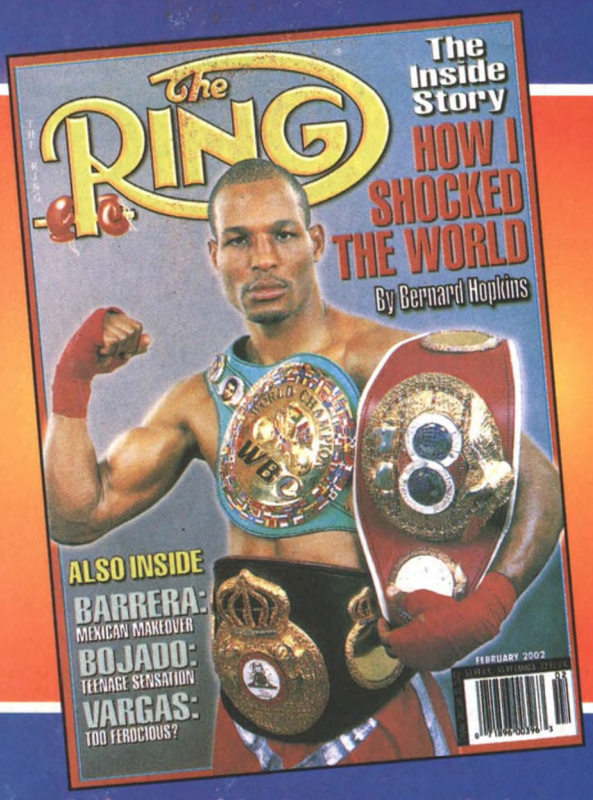

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